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1 Preface

Congratulations on your purchase of the Eurotest instrument and its accessories from METREL. The instrument was designed on a basis of rich experience, acquired through many years of dealing with electric installation test equipment.

The Eurotest instrument is professional, multifunctional, hand-held test instrument intended to perform all the measurements required in order for a total inspection of electrical installations in buildings. The following measurements and tests can be performed:

- ❑ Voltage and frequency,
- ❑ Continuity tests,
- ❑ Insulation resistance tests,
- ❑ RCD testing,
- ❑ Fault loop / RCD trip-lock impedance measurements,
- ❑ Line impedance / Voltage drop,
- ❑ Earth test,
- ❑ Phase sequence,

The graphic display with backlight offers easy reading of results, indications, measurement parameters and messages. Two LED Pass/Fail indicators are placed at the sides of the LCD.
The operation of the instrument is designed to be as simple and clear as possible and no special training (except for the reading this instruction manual) is required in order to begin using the instrument.
In order for operator to be familiar enough with performing measurements in general and their typical applications it is advisable to read Metrel handbook *Guide for testing and verification of low voltage installations*.

Model versions 3.x.xx and higher supports operation with new commander A 1401.

The model MI 3125 BT has inbuilt Bluetooth interface for easy communication with PC and Android devices.

The instrument is equipped with the entire necessary accessory for comfortable testing.

2 Safety and operational considerations

2.1 Warnings and notes

In order to maintain the highest level of operator safety while carrying out various tests and measurements Metrel recommends keeping your Eurotest instruments in good condition and undamaged. When using the instrument, consider the following general warnings:

❑ **The ⚠ symbol on the instrument means »Read the Instruction manual with special care for safe operation«. The symbol requires an action!**

❑ **If the test equipment is used in a manner not specified in this user manual, the protection provided by the equipment could be impaired!**

❑ **Read this user manual carefully, otherwise the use of the instrument may be dangerous for the operator, the instrument or for the equipment under test!**

❑ **Do not use the instrument or any of the accessories if any damage is noticed!**

❑ **If a fuse blows in the instrument, follow the instructions in this manual in order to replace it!**

❑ **Consider all generally known precautions in order to avoid risk of electric shock while dealing with hazardous voltages!**

❑ **Do not use the instrument in supply systems with voltages higher than 550 V!**

❑ **Service intervention or adjustment is only allowed to be carried out by a competent authorized personnel!**

❑ **Use only standard or optional test accessories supplied by your distributor!**

❑ **Consider that protection category of some accessories is lower than of the instrument. Test tips and Tip commander have removable caps. If they are removed the protection falls to CAT II. Check markings on accessories! (cap off, 18 mm tip)…CAT II up to 1000 V (cap on, 4 mm tip)… CAT II 1000 V / CAT III 600 V / CAT IV 300 V**

❑ **The instrument comes supplied with rechargeable Ni-Cd or Ni-MH battery cells. The cells should only be replaced with the same type as defined on the battery compartment label or as described in this manual. Do not use standard alkaline battery cells while the power supply adapter is connected, otherwise they may explode!**

❑ **Hazardous voltages exist inside the instrument. Disconnect all test leads, remove the power supply cable and switch off the instrument before opening the battery compartment.**

❑ **All normal safety precautions must be taken in order to avoid risk of electric shock while working on electrical installations!**

⚠ **Warnings related to measurement functions:**

Insulation resistance

- ❑ Insulation resistance measurement should only be performed on de-energized objects!
- ❑ Do not touch the test object during the measurement or before it is fully discharged! Risk of electric shock!
- ❑ When an insulation resistance measurement has been performed on a capacitive object, automatic discharge may not be done immediately! The warning message ⊠ and the actual voltage is displayed during discharge until voltage drops below 10 V.
- ❑ Do not connect test terminals to external voltage higher than 600 V (AC or DC) in order not to damage the test instrument!

Continuity functions

- ❑ Continuity measurements should only be performed on de-energized objects!
- ❑ Parallel impedances or transient currents may influence test results.

Testing PE terminal

- ❑ If phase voltage is detected on the tested PE terminal, stop all measurements immediately and ensure the cause of the fault is eliminated before proceeding with any activity!

Notes related to measurement functions:

General

- ❑ The ▦ indicator means that the selected measurement cannot be performed because of irregular conditions on input terminals.
- ❑ Insulation resistance and continuity functions can only be performed on de-energized objects.
- ❑ PASS / FAIL indication is enabled when limit is set. Apply appropriate limit value for evaluation of measurement results.
- ❑ In the case that only two of the three wires are connected to the electrical installation under test, only voltage indication between these two wires is valid.

Insulation resistance

- ❑ If voltages of higher than 10 V (AC or DC) is detected between test terminals, the insulation resistance measurement will not be performed. If voltages of higher than 10 V (AC or DC) is detected between test terminals, the insulation resistance measurement will not be performed.
- ❑ The instrument automatically discharge tested object after finished measurement.
- ❑ A double click of TEST key starts a continuous measurement.

Continuity functions

❑ If voltages of higher than 10 V (AC or DC) is detected between test terminals, the continuity resistance test will not be performed.
❑ Before performing a continuity measurement, where necessary, compensate test lead resistance.

RCD functions

❑ Parameters set in one function are also kept for other RCD functions!
❑ The measurement of contact voltage does not normally trip an RCD. However, the trip limit of the RCD may be exceeded as a result of leakage current flowing to the PE protective conductor or a capacitive connection between L and PE conductors.
❑ The RCD trip-lock sub-function (function selector switch in LOOP position) takes longer to complete but offers much better accuracy of fault loop resistance (in comparison to the R_L sub-result in Contact voltage function).
❑ RCD trip-out time and RCD trip-out current measurements will only be performed if the contact voltage in the pre-test at nominal differential current is lower than the set contact voltage limit!
❑ The autotest sequence (RCD AUTO function) stops when trip-out time is out of allowable time period.

Z-LOOP

❑ The low limit prospective short-circuit current value depends on fuse type, fuse current rating, fuse trip-out time and impedance scaling factor.
❑ The specified accuracy of tested parameters is valid only if the mains voltage is stable during the measurement.
❑ Fault loop impedance measurements will trip an RCD.
❑ The measurement of fault loop impedance using trip-lock function does not normally trip an RCD. However, the trip limit may be exceeded as a result of leakage current flowing to the PE protective conductor or a capacitive connection between L and PE conductors.

Z-LINE / VOLTAGE DROP

❑ In case of measurement of $Z_{Line-Line}$ with the instrument test leads PE and N connected together the instrument will display a warning of dangerous PE voltage. The measurement will be performed anyway.
❑ Specified accuracy of tested parameters is valid only if mains voltage is stable during the measurement.

2.2 Battery and charging

The instrument uses six AA size alkaline or rechargeable Ni-Cd or Ni-MH battery cells.
Nominal operating time is declared for cells with nominal capacity of 2100 mAh.
Battery condition is always displayed in the lower right display part.
In case the battery is too weak the instrument indicates this as shown in *figure 2.1*. This indication appears for a few seconds and then the instrument turns itself off.
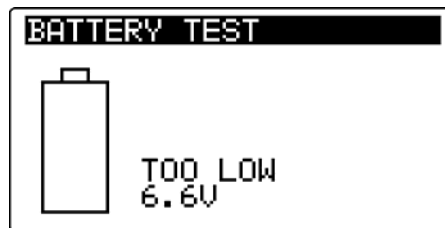
Figure 2.1: Discharged battery indication

The battery is charged whenever the power supply adapter is connected to the instrument. The power supply socket polarity is shown in *figure 2.2*. Internal circuit controls charging and assures maximum battery lifetime.

Figure 2.2: Power supply socket polarity

The instrument automatically recognizes the connected power supply adapter and begins charging.

Symbols:

	Indication of battery charging
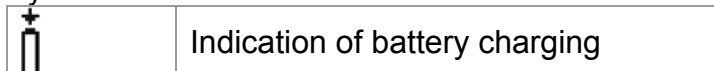
Figure 2.3: Charging indication

- ⚠ When connected to an installation, the instruments battery compartment can contain hazardous voltage inside! When replacing battery cells or before opening the battery/fuse compartment cover, disconnect any measuring accessory connected to the instrument and turn off the instrument,
- Ensure that the battery cells are inserted correctly otherwise the instrument will not operate and the batteries could be discharged.
- If the instrument is not to be used for a long period of time, remove all batteries from the battery compartment.
- Alkaline or rechargeable Ni-Cd or Ni-MH batteries (size AA) can be used. Metrel recommends only using rechargeable batteries with a capacity of 2100mAh or above.
- Do not recharge alkaline battery cells!

❑ Use only power supply adapter delivered from the manufacturer or distributor of the test equipment to avoid possible fire or electric shock!

2.2.1 New battery cells or cells unused for a longer period

Unpredictable chemical processes can occur during the charging of new battery cells or cells that have been left unused for a longer period (more than 3 months). Ni-MH and Ni-Cd cells can be subjected to these chemical effects (sometimes called the memory effect). As a result the instrument operation time can be significantly reduced during the initial charging/discharging cycles of the batteries.

In this situation, Metrel recommend the following procedure to improve the battery lifetime:

Procedure	Notes
➢ Completely charge the battery.	At least 14h with in-built charger.
➢ Completely discharge the battery.	This can be performed by using the instrument normally until the instrument is fully discharged.
➢ Repeat the charge / discharge cycle at least 2-4 times.	Four cycles are recommended in order to restore the batteries to their normal capacity.

Notes:

❑ The charger in the instrument is a pack cell charger. This means that the battery cells are connected in series during the charging. The battery cells have to be equivalent (same charge condition, same type and age).

❑ One different battery cell can cause an improper charging and incorrect discharging during normal usage of the entire battery pack (it results in heating of the battery pack, significantly decreased operation time, reversed polarity of defective cell,…).

❑ If no improvement is achieved after several charge / discharge cycles, then each battery cell should be checked (by comparing battery voltages, testing them in a cell charger, etc). It is very likely that only some of the battery cells are deteriorated.

❑ The effects described above should not be confused with the normal decrease of battery capacity over time. Battery also loses some capacity when it is repeatedly charged / discharged. Actual decreasing of capacity, versus number of charging cycles, depends on battery type. This information is provided in the technical specification from battery manufacturer.

2.3 Standards applied

The Eurotest instruments are manufactured and tested in accordance with the following regulations:

Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC)
BS EN 61326   Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use – EMC requirements
Class B (Hand-held equipment used in controlled EM environments)

Safety (LVD)	
BS EN 61010-1	Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use – Part 1: General requirements
BS EN 61010-031	Safety requirements for hand-held probe assemblies for electrical measurement and test
BS EN 61010-2-032	Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use - Part 2-032: Particular requirements for hand-held and hand-manipulated current sensors for electrical test and measurement
Functionality	
BS EN 61557	Electrical safety in low voltage distribution systems up to 1000 V_{AC} and 1500 V_{AC} – Equipment for testing, measuring or monitoring of protective measures
	Part 1 General requirements
	Part 2 Insulation resistance
	Part 3 Loop resistance
	Part 4 Resistance of earth connection and equipotential bonding
	Part 5 Resistance to earth
	Part 6 Residual current devices (RCDs) in TT and TN systems
	Part 7 Phase sequence
	Part 10 Combined measuring equipment
Other reference standards for testing RCDs	
BS EN 61008	Residual current operated circuit-breakers without integral overcurrent protection for household and similar uses
BS EN 61009	Residual current operated circuit-breakers with integral overcurrent protection for household and similar uses
EN 60364-4-41	Electrical installations of buildings
	Part 4-41 Protection for safety – protection against electric shock
EN 60364-5-52	Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 5-52: Selection and erection of electrical equipment – Wiring systems
BS 7671	IEE Wiring Regulations (17th edition)
AS / NZ 3760	In-service safety inspection and testing of electrical equipment

Note about EN and IEC standards:
  ❑ Text of this manual contains references to European and British standards. All standards of EN 6XXXX (e.g. EN 61010) series are equivalent to IEC standards with the same number (e.g. IEC 61010) and differ only in amended parts required by European harmonization procedure.

3 Instrument description

3.1 Front panel

Figure 3.1: Front panel

Legend:

1	LCD	128 x 64 dots matrix display with backlight.
2	TEST	TEST Starts measurements. Acts also as the PE touching electrode.
3	UP	Modifies selected parameter.
4	DOWN	
5	MEM	Store / recall / clear tests in memory of instrument.
6	Function selectors	Selects test function.
7	Backlight, Contrast	Changes backlight level and contrast.
8	ON / OFF	Switches the instrument power on or off. *The instrument automatically turns off 15 minutes after the last key was pressed.* In RCD Auto toggles between top and bottom parts of results field.
9	HELP CAL	Accesses help menus. Calibrates test leads in Continuity functions. Starts Z_{REF} measurement in Voltage drop sub-function.
10	TAB	Selects the parameters in selected function.
11	PASS	Green indicator — Indicates PASS/ FAIL of result.
12	FAIL	Red indicator
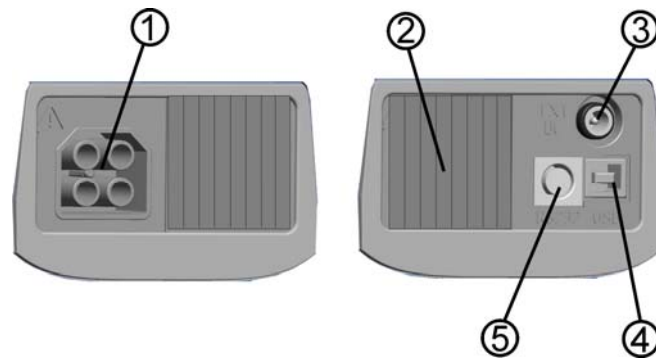
3.2 Connector panel

Figure 3.2: Connector panel
Legend:

1	Test connector	Measuring inputs / outputs
2	Protection cover	
3	Charger socket	
4	USB connector	Communication with PC USB (1.1) port.
5	PS/2 connector	Communication with PC serial port and connection to optional accessories. Serial port for upgrading the instrument.

Warnings!
  ❑ **Maximum allowed voltage between any test terminal and ground is 600 V!**
  ❑ **Maximum allowed voltage between test terminals is 600 V!**
  ❑ **Maximum short-term voltage of external power supply adapter is 14 V!**

3.3 Back side

Figure 3.3: Back side

Legend:

1	Side belt
2	Battery compartment cover
3	Fixing screw for battery compartment cover
4	Back panel information label
5	Holder for inclined position of the instrument
6	Magnet for fixing instrument close to tested item (optional)
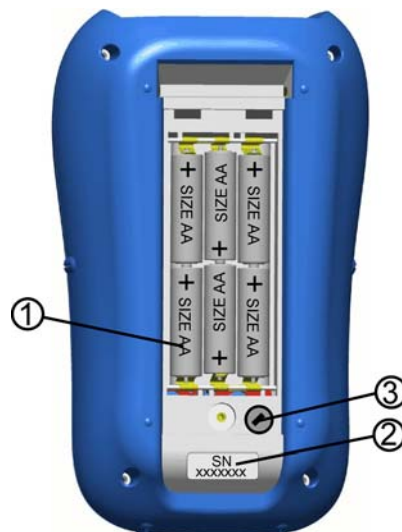
Figure 3.4: Battery compartment

Legend:

1	Battery cells	Size AA, alkaline or rechargeable NiMH / NiCd
2	Serial number label	
3	Fuse	M 0.315 A, 250 V

3.4 Display organization

Zloop BS3036 15A 5s
z:**0.46**Ω ✓
Isc:498A   Lim:4.19Ω

Figure 3.5: Typical function display

Zloop	Function name
z:**0.46**Ω ✓ Isc:498A Lim:4.19Ω	Result field
BS3036 15A 5s	Test parameter field
▶ 🖫	Message field
L PE N 230 0 230	Terminal voltage monitor
▮	Battery indication

3.4.1 Terminal voltage monitor

The terminal voltage monitor displays on-line the voltages on the test terminals and information about active test terminals.

L PE N 231 0 231	Online voltages are displayed together with test terminal indication. All three test terminals are used for selected measurement.
L PE N 230 0 230	Online voltages are displayed together with test terminal indication. L and N test terminals are used for selected measurement.
L PE N 230 0 230	L and PE are active test terminals; N terminal should also be connected for correct input voltage condition.

3.4.2 Battery indication

The indication indicates the charge condition of battery and connection of external charger .

▮	Battery capacity indication.
▯	Low battery. Battery is too weak to guarantee correct result. Replace or recharge the battery cells.
+▯	Recharging in progress (if power supply adapter is connected).

3.4.3 Message field

In the message field warnings and messages are displayed.

⧖	Measurement is running, consider displayed warnings.
▶	Conditions on the input terminals allow starting the measurement; consider other displayed warnings and messages.
✖	Conditions on the input terminals do not allow starting the measurement, consider displayed warnings and messages.

	RCD tripped-out during the measurement (in RCD functions).
	Instrument is overheated. The measurement is prohibited until the temperature decreases under the allowed limit.
	Result(s) can be stored.
	High electrical noise was detected during measurement. Results may be impaired.
	L and N are changed.
	Warning! High voltage is applied to the test terminals.
	Warning! Dangerous voltage on the PE terminal! Stop the activity immediately and eliminate the fault / connection problem before proceeding with any activity!
	High resistance to earth of test probes. Results may be impaired.
	Test leads resistance in Continuity measurement is not compensated.
	Test leads resistance in Continuity measurement is compensated.

3.4.4 Result field

✓	Measurement result is inside pre-set limits (PASS).
✗	Measurement result is out of pre-set limits (FAIL).
⃠	Measurement is aborted. Consider displayed warnings and messages.

3.4.5 Sound warnings

Continuous sound	**Warning!** Dangerous voltage on the PE terminal is detected.

3.4.6 Help screens

HELP	Opens help screen.

Help menus are available in all functions. The Help menu contains schematic diagrams for illustrating how to properly connect the instrument to electric installation. After selecting the measurement you want to perform, press the HELP key in order to view the associated Help menu.

Keys in help menu:

UP / DOWN	Selects next / previous help screen.
HELP	Scrolls through help screens.
Function selectors / TEST	Exits help menu.
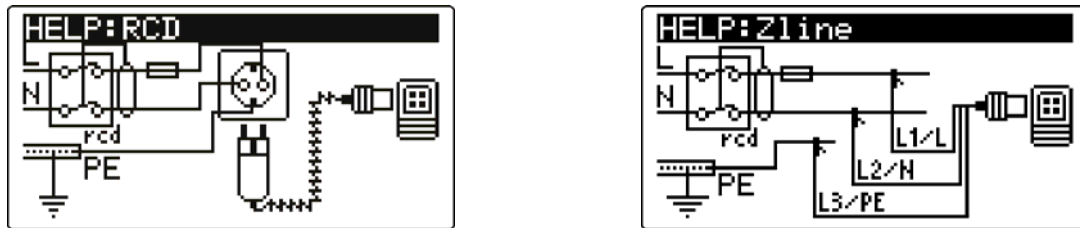
Figure 3.6: Examples of help screens

3.4.7 Backlight and contrast adjustments

With the **BACKLIGHT** key backlight and contrast can be adjusted.

Click	Toggles backlight intensity level.
Keep pressed for **1 s**	Locks high intensity backlight level until power is turned off or the key is pressed again.
Keep pressed for **2 s**	Bargraph for LCD contrast adjustment is displayed.

Figure 3.7: Contrast adjustment menu

Keys for contrast adjustment:

DOWN	Reduces contrast.
UP	Increases contrast.
TEST	Accepts new contrast.
Function selectors	Exits without changes.

4 Instrument operation

4.1 Function selection

For selecting test function the **FUNCTION SELECTOR** shall be used.

Keys:

	Select test / measurement function:
FUNCTION SELECTOR	❏ <**VOLTAGE TRMS**> Voltage and frequency and phase sequence. ❏ <**R ISO**> Insulation resistance. ❏ <**Continuity**> Continuity of earth connections and bondings ❏ <**Zline**> Line impedance. ❏ <**Zloop**> Fault loop impedance. ❏ <**RCD**> RCD testing. ❏ <**EARTH RE**> Resistance to earth. ❏ <**SETTINGS**> General instrument settings.
UP/DOWN	Selects sub-function in selected measurement function.
TAB	Selects the test parameter to be set or modified.
TEST	Runs selected test / measurement function.
MEM	Stores measured results / recalls stored results.

Keys in **test parameter** field:

UP/DOWN	Changes the selected parameter.
TAB	Selects the next measuring parameter.
FUNCTION SELECTOR	Toggles between the main functions.
MEM	Stores measured results / recalls stored results.

General rule regarding enabling **parameters** for evaluation of measurement / test result:

	OFF	No limit values, indication: _ _ _.
Parameter	**ON**	**Value(s)** – results will be marked as PASS or FAIL in accordance with selected limit.

See *chapter 5* for more information about the operation of the instrument test functions.

4.2 Settings

Different instrument options can be set in the **SETTINGS** menu.

- ❑ Selection of language,
- ❑ Setting the instrument to initial values,
- ❑ Selection of reference standard for RCD test,
- ❑ Entering Z factor,
- ❑ Commander support.
- ❑ Recalling and clearing stored results,
- ❑ Setting the date and time
- ❑ External Bluetooth communication module and scanner settings (MI 3125B only)

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SETTINGS            29:46
MEMORY
SELECT LANGUAGE
SET DATE/TIME
RCD TESTING
SET Z FACTOR
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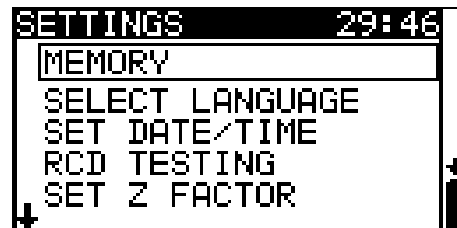
Figure 4.1: Options in Settings menu

Keys:

UP / DOWN	Selects appropriate option.
TEST	Enters selected option.
Function selectors	Exits back to main function menu.

4.2.1 Memory

In this menu the stored data can be recalled and deleted. See chapter *6 Data handling* for more information.

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MEMORY
RECALL RESULTS
DELETE RESULTS
CLEAR ALL MEMORY
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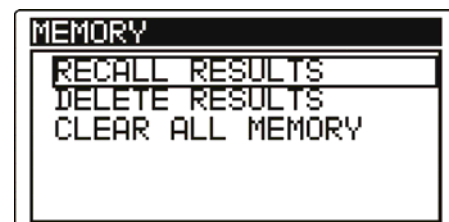
Figure 4.2: Memory options

Keys:

UP / DOWN	Selects option.
TEST	Enters selected option.
Function selectors	Exits back to main function menu.

4.2.2 Language

In this menu the language can be set.
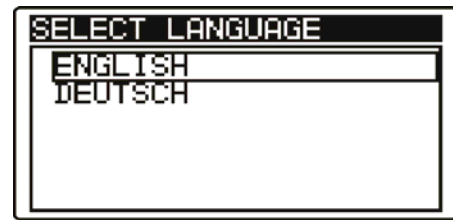
Figure 4.3: Language selection

Keys:

UP / DOWN	Selects language.
TEST	Confirms selected language and exits to settings menu.
Function selectors	Exits back to main function menu.

4.2.3 Date and time

In this menu date and time can be set.

Figure 4.4: Setting date and time

Keys:

TAB	Selects the field to be changed.
UP / **DOWN**	Modifies selected field.
TEST	Confirms new setup and exits.
Function selectors	Exits back to main function menu.

Warning:
❑ If the batteries are removed for more than 1 minute the set time and date will be lost.

4.2.4 RCD testing

In this menu the used standard for RCD tests can be set.
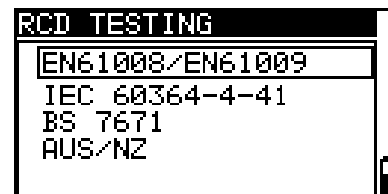
Figure 4.5: Selection of RCD test standard

Keys:

UP / DOWN	Selects standard.
TEST	Confirms selected standard.
Function selectors	Exits back to main function menu.

Maximum RCD disconnection times differ in various standards.
The trip-out times defined in individual standards are listed below.

Trip-out times according to EN 61008 / EN 61009:

	$\frac{1}{2}\times I_{\Delta N}$ *)	$I_{\Delta N}$	$2\times I_{\Delta N}$	$5\times I_{\Delta N}$
General RCDs (non-delayed)	$t_\Delta > 300$ ms	$t_\Delta < 300$ ms	$t_\Delta < 150$ ms	$t_\Delta < 40$ ms
Selective RCDs (time-delayed)	$t_\Delta > 500$ ms	130 ms < t_Δ < 500 ms	60 ms < t_Δ < 200 ms	50 ms < t_Δ < 150 ms

Trip-out times according to EN 60364-4-41:

	$\frac{1}{2}\times I_{\Delta N}$ *)	$I_{\Delta N}$	$2\times I_{\Delta N}$	$5\times I_{\Delta N}$
General RCDs (non-delayed)	$t_\Delta > 999$ ms	$t_\Delta < 999$ ms	$t_\Delta < 150$ ms	$t_\Delta < 40$ ms
Selective RCDs (time-delayed)	$t_\Delta > 999$ ms	130 ms < t_Δ < 999 ms	60 ms < t_Δ < 200 ms	50 ms < t_Δ < 150 ms

Trip-out times according to BS 7671:

	$\frac{1}{2}\times I_{\Delta N}$ *)	$I_{\Delta N}$	$2\times I_{\Delta N}$	$5\times I_{\Delta N}$
General RCDs (non-delayed)	$t_\Delta > 1999$ ms	$t_\Delta < 300$ ms	$t_\Delta < 150$ ms	$t_\Delta < 40$ ms
Selective RCDs (time-delayed)	$t_\Delta > 1999$ ms	130 ms < t_Δ < 500 ms	60 ms < t_Δ < 200 ms	50 ms < t_Δ < 150 ms

Trip-out times according to AS/NZ **):

RCD type	$I_{\Delta N}$ [mA]	$\frac{1}{2}\times I_{\Delta N}$ *) t_Δ	$I_{\Delta N}$ t_Δ	$2\times I_{\Delta N}$ t_Δ	$5\times I_{\Delta N}$ t_Δ	Note
I	≤ 10	> 999 ms	40 ms	40 ms	40 ms	Maximum break time
II	> 10 ≤ 30		300 ms	150 ms	40 ms	
III	> 30		300 ms	150 ms	40 ms	
IV S	> 30	> 999 ms	500 ms	200 ms	150 ms	
			130 ms	60 ms	50 ms	Minimum non-actuating time

*) Minimum test period for current of $\frac{1}{2}\times I_{\Delta N}$, RCD shall not trip-out.
**) Test current and measurement accuracy correspond to AS/NZ requirements.

Maximum test times related to selected test current for general (non-delayed) RCD

Standard	$\frac{1}{2}\times I_{\Delta N}$	$I_{\Delta N}$	$2\times I_{\Delta N}$	$5\times I_{\Delta N}$
EN 61008 / EN 61009	300 ms	300 ms	150 ms	40 ms
EN 60364-4-41	1000 ms	1000 ms	150 ms	40 ms
BS 7671	2000 ms	300 ms	150 ms	40 ms
AS/NZ (I, II, III)	1000 ms	1000 ms	150 ms	40 ms

Maximum test times related to selected test current for selective (time-delayed) RCD

Standard	$\frac{1}{2}\times I_{\Delta N}$	$I_{\Delta N}$	$2\times I_{\Delta N}$	$5\times I_{\Delta N}$
EN 61008 / EN 61009	500 ms	500 ms	200 ms	150 ms
EN 60364-4-41	1000 ms	1000 ms	200 ms	150 ms
BS 7671	2000 ms	500 ms	200 ms	150 ms

AS/NZ (IV)	1000 ms	1000 ms	200 ms	150 ms

4.2.5 Z factor

The impedance limit values for different overcurrent protective devices are scaled down by a factor 0,8 or 0,75 (Z factor). This means that the fault current will still be high enough also at increased conductor temperatures and low supply voltage. This assures a safe operation of the overcurrent protection device.in all conditions.

In this menu the Z factor can be set.
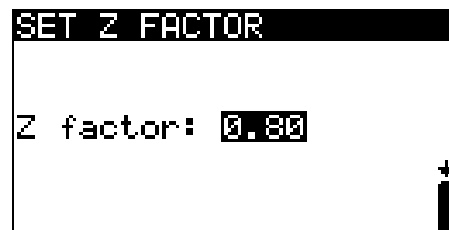
Figure 4.6: Selection of Z factor

Keys:

UP / DOWN	Sets Z value.
TEST	Confirms Z value.
Function selectors	Exits back to main function menu.

4.2.6 Communication (model MI 3125B)

In this menu the Bluetooth dongle A 1436 can be initialized and device for scanning barcodes can be selected.

Figure 4.7: Menu for Bluetooth communication

Keys:

UP / DOWN	Selects option.
TEST	Confirms selected option.
Function selector	Exits back to main menu without changes.

Initialization of the Bluetooth dongle
The Bluetooth dongle A 1436 should be initialized when it is used with the instrument for the first time. During initialization the instrument sets the dongle parameters and name in order to communicate properly with PC and other devices via Bluetooth.

Initialization procedure

1. Connect Bluetooth dongle A 1436 to the instrument's PS/2 port.
2. Press RESET key on the Bluetooth dongle A 1436 for **at least 5 seconds.**
3. Select INIT. BT DONGLE in Communication menu and press TEST.
4. Wait for confirmation message and beep. Following message is displayed if dongle was initialized properly:
EXTERNAL BT 'DONGLE SEARCHING OK!

Notes:

❑ The Bluetooth dongle A 1436 should always be initialized before first use with the instrument.
❑ If the dongle was initialized by another Metrel instrument it will probably not work properly when working with the previous instrument again. Bluetooth dongle initialization should be repeated in that case.
❑ For more information about communication via Bluetooth refer to chapter 6.6 Communications and A 1436 manual.

Selection of barcode scanner type

In this menu the barcode scanner type can be set. Options are:

❑ Serial barcode scanner
❑ Barcode scanner application on Android devices (check list of approved Metrel Android devices and applications)

Keys:

UP / DOWN	Selects option.
TEST	Confirms selected option.
Function selector	Exits back to main menu without changes.
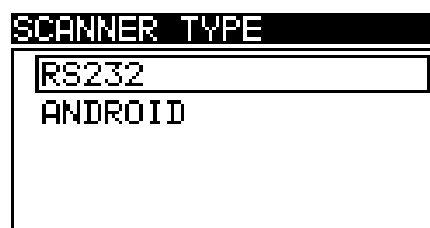
Figure 4.8: Menu for Scanner type

4.2.7 Commander support

The support for commanders can be set in this menu.
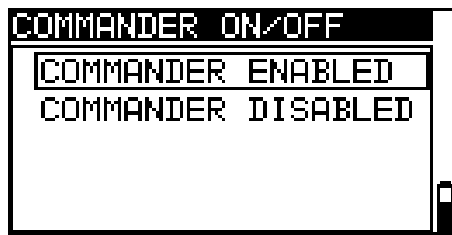
Versions 2.x.xx   *Versions 3.x.xx and higher*

Figure 4.9: Selection of commander support

Keys:

UP / DOWN	Enables commander support. Disables commander support. Selects commander model. (versions 3.x.xx and higher)
TEST	Confirms selected option.
Function selectors	Exits back to main function menu.

Commander models (versions 3.x.xx and higher):

- ❑ A1314, A1401: new commanders (more information can be found in Appendix C)

Note:
- ❑ Commander disabled option is intended to disable the commander's remote keys. In the case of high EM interfering noise the operation of the commander's key can be irregular.

4.2.8 Initial settings

In this menu the instrument settings and measurement parameters and limits can be set to initial (factory) values.
Internal Bluetooth module is initialized. (MI 3125 BT only)
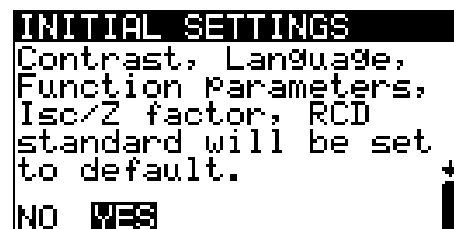
Figure 4.10: Initial settings dialogue

Keys:

TEST	Restores default settings (YES must be selected with ⋀/⋁ keys).
Function selectors	Exits back to main function menu without changes.

Warning:

- ❑ Customized settings will be lost when this option is used!
- ❑ If the batteries are removed for more than 1 minute the custom made settings will be lost.

The default setup is listed below:

Instrument setting	Default value
Contrast	As defined and stored by adjustment procedure
Z factor	0.8
RCD standards	EN 61008 / EN 61009
Language	English
Commander	Versions 2.x.xx: Enabled Versions 3.x.xx: A1314, A1401
Internal bluetooth	Initialization of internal Bluetooth module. (MI 3125 BT only)

Function Sub-function	Parameters / limit value
EARTH RE	No limit
R ISO L/N, L//E, N/E, L/L	No limit Utest = 500 V
CONTINUITY r1,rN,r2, R2, R1+R2, R1+RN	No limit
Z - LINE VOLTAGE DROP	Fuse type: none selected ΔU: 4.0 % Z_{REF}: 0.00 Ω
Z - LOOP	Fuse type: none selected
Zs rcd	Fuse type: none selected
RCD	RCD t Nominal differential current: $I_{\Delta N}$=30 mA RCD type: ☐ non-delayed Test current starting polarity: ⁓ (0°) Limit contact voltage: 50 V Current multiplier: ×1

Note:
- ❑ Initial settings (reset of the instrument) can be recalled also if the TAB key is pressed while the instrument is switched on.

5 Measurements

5.1 Compensation of test leads resistance

This chapter describes how to compensate the test leads resistance in Continuity function. Compensation is required to eliminate the influence of test leads resistance and the internal resistances of the instrument on the measured resistance. The lead compensation is therefore very important to obtain correct result. There are two separated calibration values:

- one for r_1, r_N, r_2, R_1+R_2 and R_2,
- one for R_1+R_N.

The [CAL✓] symbol is displayed in the Continuity message fields if the compensation was carried out successfully.

Circuits for compensating the resistance of test leads
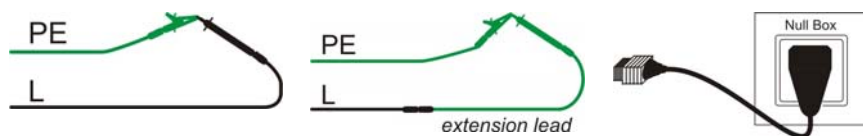
Figure 5.1: Shorted test leads

Compensation of test leads resistance procedure

> ❑ Select **Continuity** function.
> ❑ **Connect** test cable to the instrument and short the test leads together appropriately (see *figure 5.1*).
> ❑ Press **CAL** key to perform test lead compensation.
> ❑ If the leads were successfully calibrated the resistance with old calibration data is displayed first and 0.00Ω afterwards.
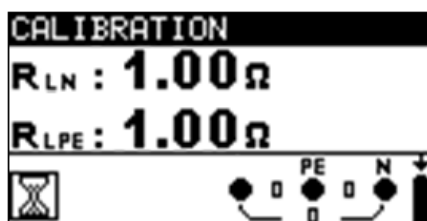
Figure 5.2: Results with old calibration values	*Figure 5.3: Results with new calibration values*
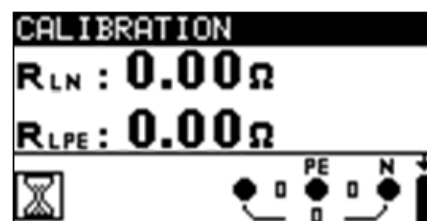
Note:

> ❑ The highest value for lead compensation is 5 Ω. If the resistance is higher the compensation value is set back to default value.
>
> [CAL✗] is displayed if no calibration value is stored.

5.2 Voltage, frequency and phase sequence

In the special **VOLTAGE TRMS** menu the measured voltage, frequency and information about detected three-phase connection are displayed. Phase sequence measurement conforms to the EN 61557-7 standard.

See chapter *4.1 Function selection* for instructions on key functionality.
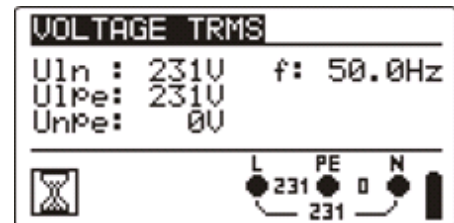
Figure 5.4: Voltage in single phase system

Test parameters for voltage measurement

There are no parameters to set.

Connections for voltage measurement
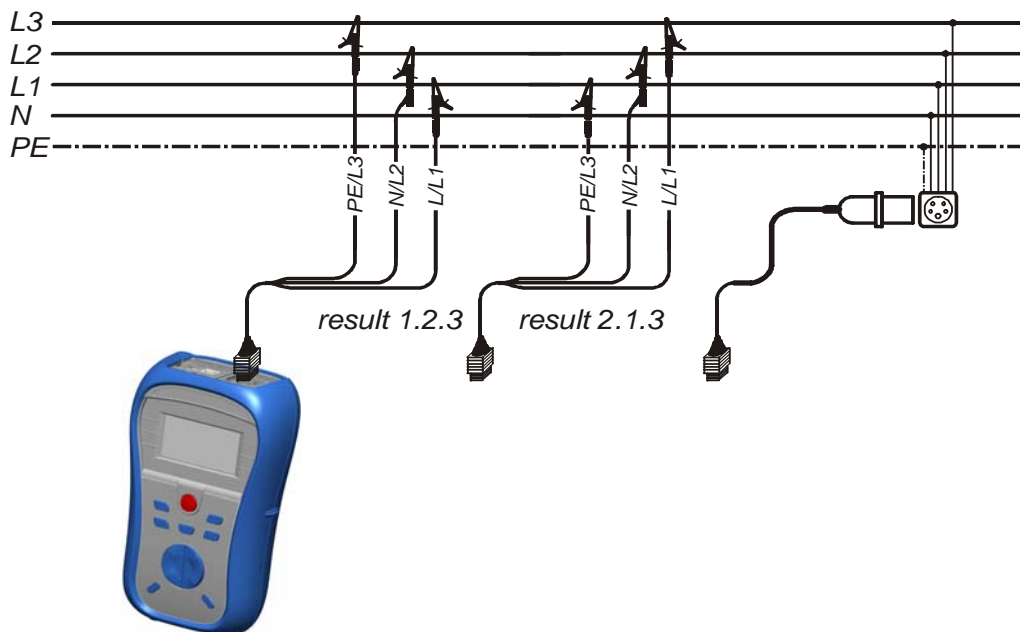
Figure 5.5: Connection of universal test cable and optional adapter in three-phase system
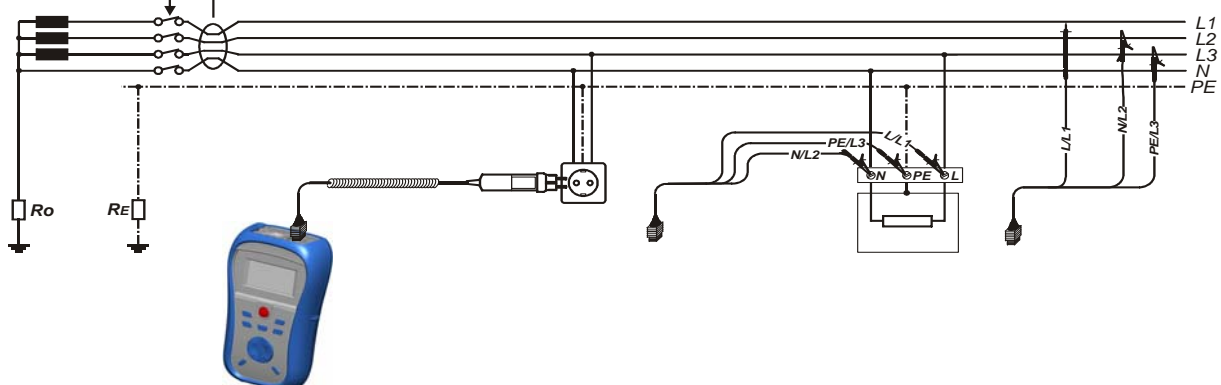
Figure 5.6: Connection of plug cable and universal test cable in single-phase system

Voltage measurement procedure

> ❑ Select the **VOLTAGE TRMS** function using the function selector switch.
> ❑ **Connect** test cable to the instrument.
> ❑ **Connect** test leads to the item to be tested (see *figures 5.5 and 5.6*).
> ❑ **Store** voltage measurement result by pressing the MEM key (optional).

Measurement runs immediately after selection of **VOLTAGE TRMS** function.

Figure 5.7: Examples of voltage measurement in three-phase system

Displayed results for single phase system:
Uln...........Voltage between phase and neutral conductors,
Ulpe.........Voltage between phase and protective conductors,
Unpe........Voltage between neutral and protective conductors,
f...............frequency.

Displayed results for three-phase system:
U12..........Voltage between phases L1 and L2,
U13..........Voltage between phases L1 and L3,
U23..........Voltage between phases L2 and L3,
1.2.3 ....Correct connection – CW rotation sequence,
3.2.1 ....Invalid connection – CCW rotation sequence,
f...............frequency.

5.3 Insulation resistance

The Insulation resistance measurement is performed in order to ensure safety against electric shock through insulation. It is covered by the EN 61557-2 standard. Typical applications are:

- ❑ Insulation resistance between conductors of installation,
- ❑ Insulation resistance of non-conductive rooms (walls and floors),
- ❑ Insulation resistance of ground cables,
- ❑ Resistance of semi-conductive (antistatic) floors.

Four Insulation resistance sub-functions are available:

- ❑ ISO L/E,
- ❑ ISO L/N
- ❑ ISO L/L
- ❑ ISO N/E

The insulation resistance tests are carried out in the same way regardless which sub-function is selected. However it is important to select the appropriate sub-function in order to classify the measurement to be correctly considered in verification documents (Electrical Installation Certificate, Periodic Inspection Report etc.).

See chapter *4.1 Function selection* for instructions on key functionality.

Figure 5.8: Insulation resistance

Test parameters for insulation resistance measurement

Measurement	**Subfunction** [ISO L/E, ISO L/N, ISO N/E, ISO L/L]
Uiso	**Test voltage** [50 V, 100 V, 250 V, 500 V, 1000 V]
Limit	**Minimum insulation resistance** [OFF, 0.01 MΩ ÷ 200 MΩ]

Test circuits for insulation resistance
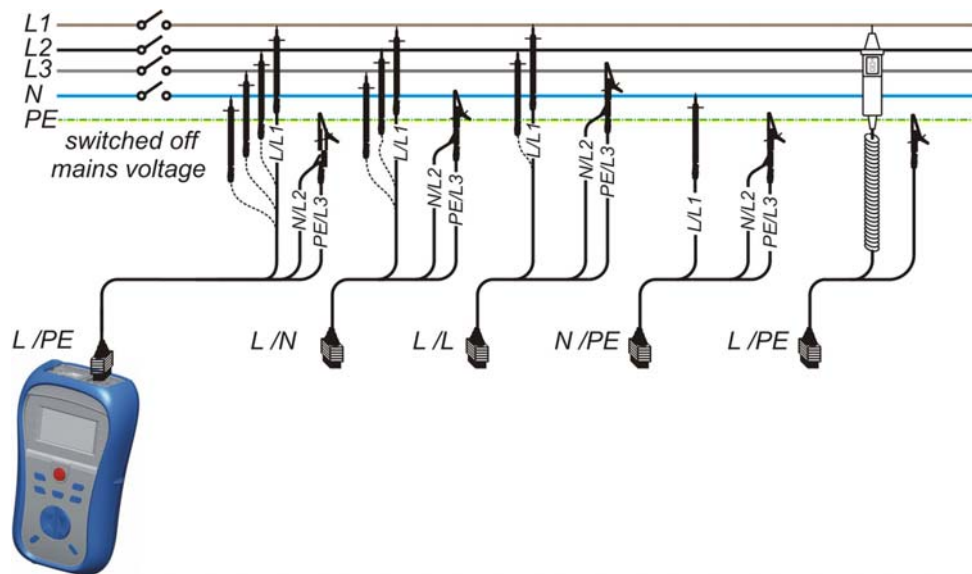
Figure 5.9: Connections for insulation measurement

Insulation resistance measuring procedure

- ❑ Select the **INS** function using the function selector switch.
- ❑ Select the insulation subfunction with ⋀/⋁ keys.
- ❑ Set the required **test voltage**.
- ❑ Enable and set **limit** value (optional).
- ❑ **Disconnect** tested installation from mains supply (and discharge insulation as required).
- ❑ **Connect** test cable to the instrument and to the item to be tested (see Fig. 5.9).
- ❑ Press the **TEST** key to perform the measurement (double click for continuous measurement and later press to stop the measurement).
- ❑ After the measurement is finished wait until tested item is fully discharged.
- ❑ **Store** the result by pressing the MEM key (optional).
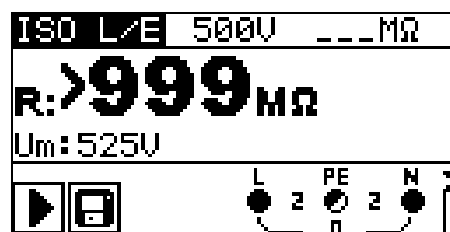
Figure 5.10: Example of insulation resistance measurement result

Displayed results:

R.........................Insulation resistance
Um.......................Test voltage – actual value.

5.4 Continuity

The Continuity measurement is performed in order to ensure that the protective measures against electric shock through earthing connections and bondings are effective. Six continuity sub-functions are available:

- r_1,
- r_N
- r_2
- R_1+R_2
- R_2
- R_1+R_N

It is important to select the appropriate sub-function in order to classify the measurement to be correctly considered in verification documents (Electrical Installation Certificate, Periodic Inspection Report etc.).The r_1, r_N, r_2, R_1+R_2 and R_2 continuity tests are carried out between L and PE terminals in the same way regardless of which sub-function is selected. The R_1+R_N continuity test is carried out between L and N terminals.

See chapter *4.1 Function selection* for instructions on key functionality.
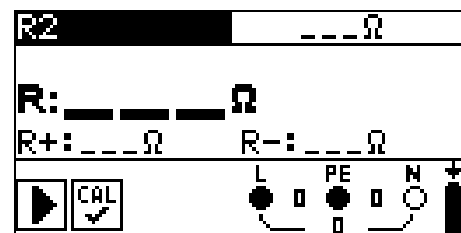
Figure 5.11: Example R_2

Test parameters for Continuity measurement

Measurement	**Subfunction** [r_1, r_2, r_N, R_2, R_1+R_2, R_1+R_N]
Limit	**Maximum resistance** [OFF, $0.1\ \Omega \div 20.0\ \Omega$]

The Continuity measurement is performed with automatic polarity reversal of the test voltage according to IEC/EN 61557-4.

Test circuits for Continuity measurement
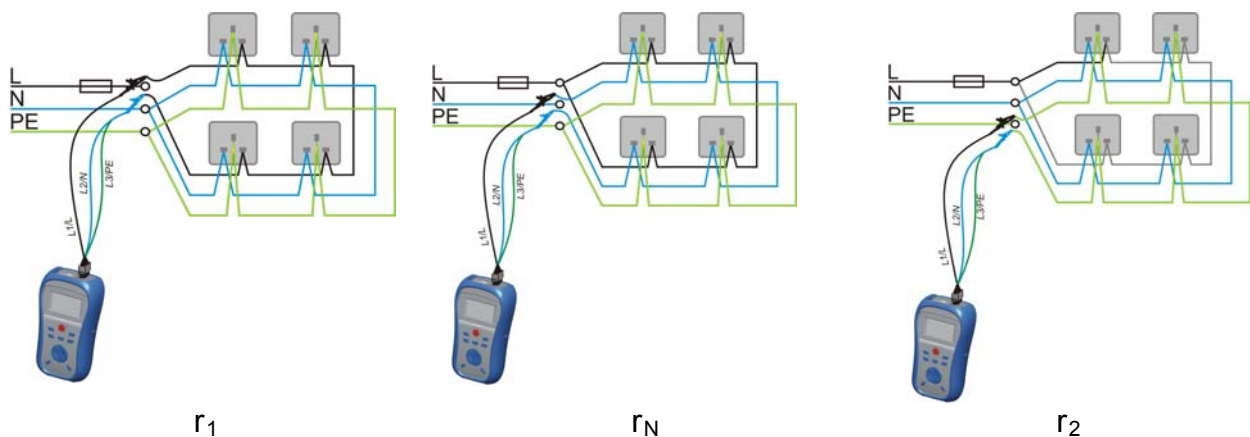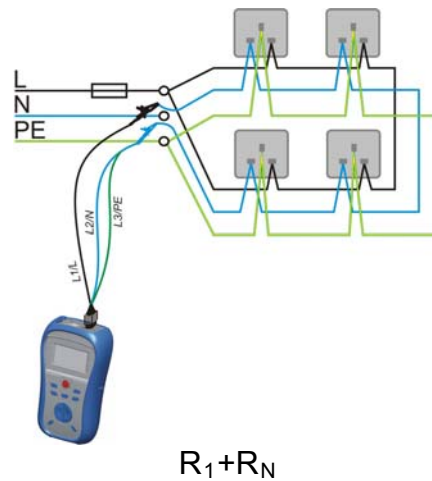
r_1 r_N r_2

$R_1 + R_N$

Figure 5.12: Connections for testing the r_1, r_N, r_2 and $R_1 + R_N$ sections of the wiring in ring circuits

R_2 $R_1 + R_2$
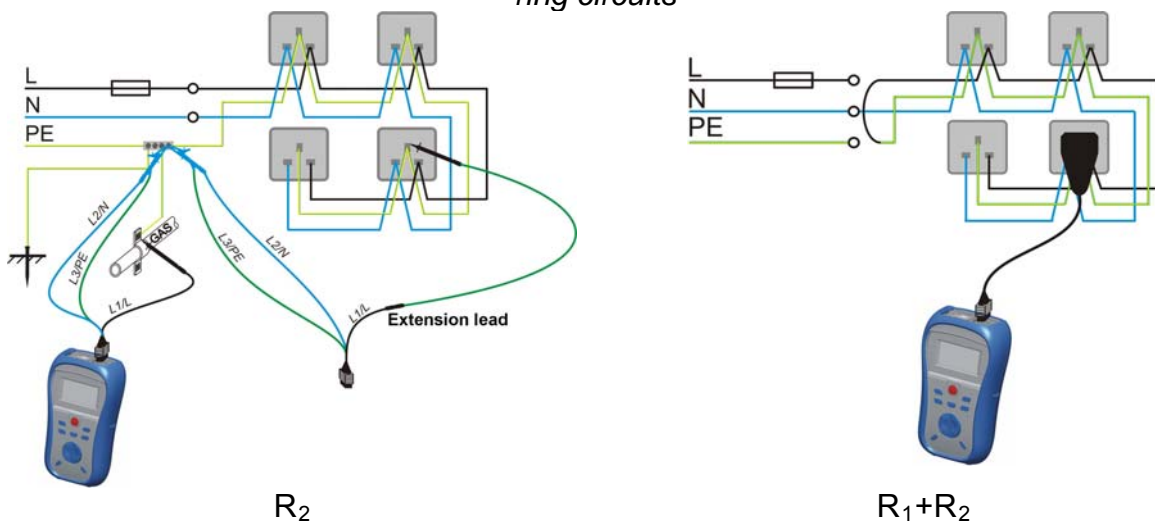
Figure 5.13: Connections for testing the R_2 and $R_1 + R_2$ sections of the wiring in final circuits

Continuity measurement procedure

> ❑ Select **Continuity** function using the function selector switch.
> ❑ Set sub-function with ⋏/⋎ keys
> ❑ Enable and set **limit** (optional).
> ❑ **Connect** test cable to the instrument.
> ❑ **Compensate** the test leads resistance (if necessary, see *section 5.3.1*).
> ❑ **Disconnect** tested installation from mains supply.
> ❑ **Connect** the test leads to the appropriate PE wiring (see *figures 5.12 and 5.13*).
> ❑ Press the **TEST** key to perform the measurement.
> ❑ After the measurement is finished **store** the result by pressing the MEM button (optional).
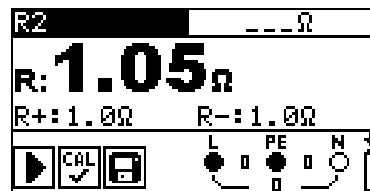
Figure 5.14: Example of Continuity result

Displayed result:

R...............Continuity result
R+..............Result at positive polarity
R-...............Result at negative test polarity

5.5 Ring Continuity

With Easy Switch A1214 the resistance measurements in final ring circuits can be simplified. The Easy Switch cares for correct connectivity at the switchboard. r_1, r_N, r_2 or R_1+R_2, R_1+R_N measurements can be performed in one go.

See chapter *4.1 Function selection* for instructions on key functionality.
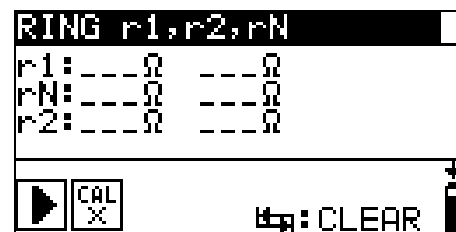
Figure 5.15: Ring Continuity r_1, r_N, r_2
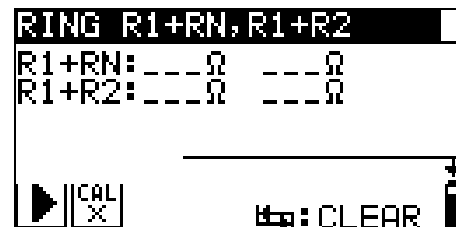
Figure 5.16: Ring Continuity R_1+R_2, R_1+R_N

Test parameters for Ring Continuity measurement

Measurement	**Subfunction** [(r_1, r_2, r_N), (R_1+R_2, R_1+R_N)]

The Ring Continuity measurement is performed with automatic polarity reversal of the test voltage according to IEC/EN 61557-4.

Test circuits for Ring Continuity measurement
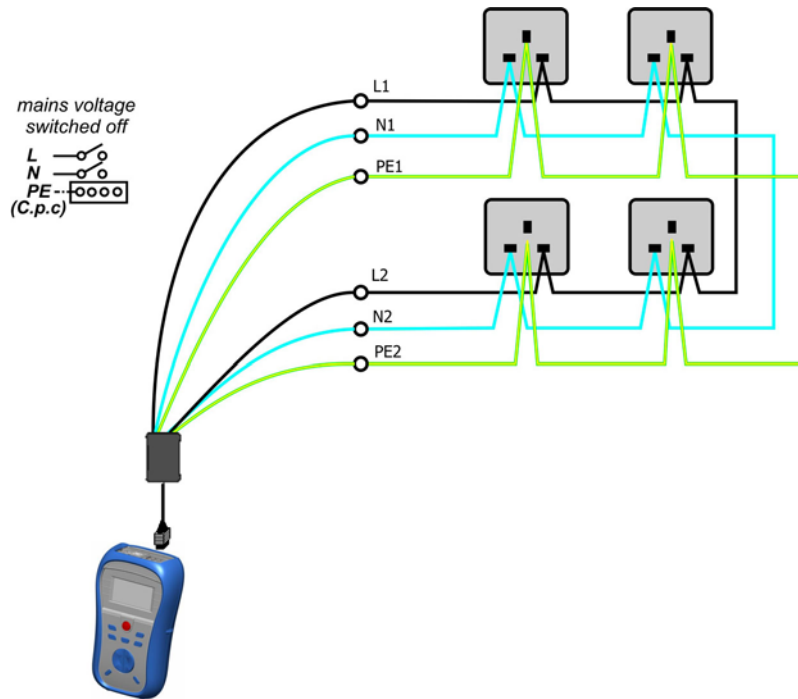
Figure 5.17: Step 1 - measurement of resistances r_1, r_N and r_2
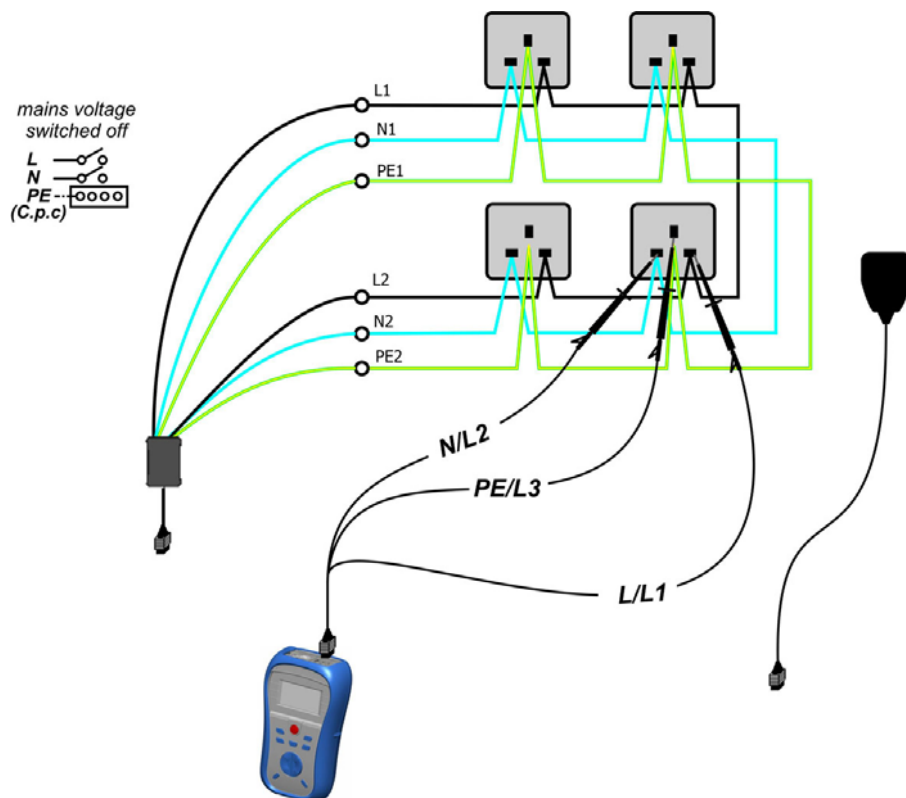
Figure 5.18: Step 2 - measurement of resistances R_1+R_2, R_1+R_N

Ring Continuity measuring procedure
Step 1: r_1, r_N, r_2 resistance measuring procedure

- ❑ Select the **RING** function.
- ❑ Set sub-function **r1, rN, r2**
- ❑ **Compensate** test leads resistance (if necessary, see chapter *5.1*).
- ❑ **Connect** Easy Switch to the instrument (see *figure 5.17*)
- ❑ **Connect Easy switch** to the final ring circuit. The electrical installation must be de-energized during the test (see *figure 5.17*).
- ❑ Press the **TEST** key to perform the measurement.
- ❑ Perform measurements of r1, rN, and r2.
- ❑ **Commit results** (TAB key) to r1, rN, and r2.
- ❑ The r1, rN, r2 **results can be cleared** with the TAB key
- ❑ **Store** the results (optional).


From r_1, r_N and r_2 results reference values $(R_1+R_N)/4$, $(R_1+R_2)/4$ are calculated. The results are kept until they are changed or cleared. Take care that measuring leads are compensated.
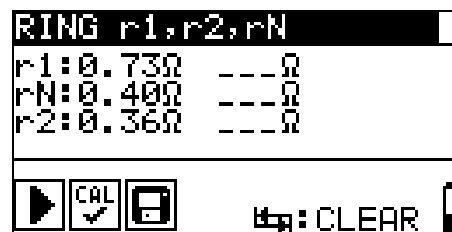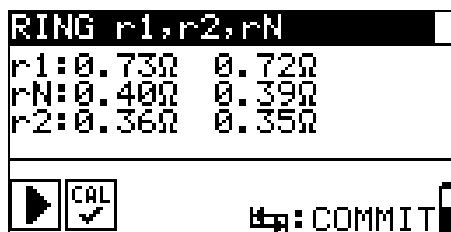
Figure 5.19: Examples of Ring Continuity test – Step 1

Displayed results:

      r1 .... Ring resistance of line conductors (committed and measured)
      rN .... Ring resistance of neutral conductors (committed and measured)
      r2 .... Ring resistance of protective conductors (committed and measured)

Step 2: R_1+R_N, R_1+R_2 resistance measuring procedure

- ❑ **Easy switch** must stay connected to the final ring circuit. The electrical installation must be de-energized during the test (see *figure 5.18*).
- ❑ Select the **RING** function.
- ❑ Set sub-function **R1+RN, R1+R2**
- ❑ **Connect** plug cable or test cable to the instrument.
- ❑ **Compensate** test leads resistance (if necessary, see *chapter 5.1*).

- ❑ **Connect** plug cable or test cable to a socket in final ring circuit.
- ❑ Press the **TEST** key for measurements.
- ❑ For correct ring wiring the results must be approximately the same as reference value (r1+rN)/4 and (r1+r2)/4. The resistance R1+R2 slightly increases with length if cross-section of PE conductor is smaller than of line conductor.
- ❑ **Commit results** (TAB key) to R1+RN and R1+R2 positions.

- ❑ Perform measurement on the next socket in final ring circuit.
- ❑ **Commit results** (TAB key) again. The results will be committed only if they are

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> higher as the previous results.
> ❑ The R1+RN and R1+R2 **results can be cleared** with the TAB key
>
> ❑ Repeat the measurement on all sockets of the final ring circuit.
> ❑ The R1+RN and R1+R2 **results can be cleared** with the TAB key
> ❑ After the measurements are finished, **store** the result (optional).
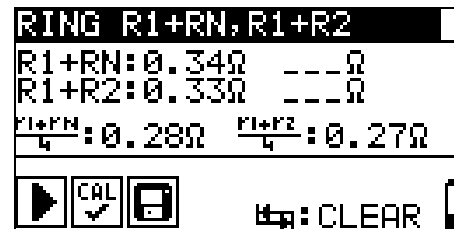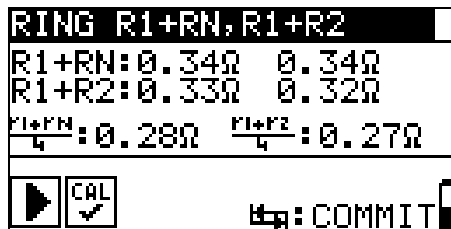
Figure 5.20: Examples of Ring Continuity test – step 2

Displayed results:

R1+RN. .... Reference test value, committed and measured
R1+R2 .... Reference test value, committed and measured
(r1+r2)/4 .... Calculated reference value,
(r1+rN)/4........ Calculated reference value.

5.6 Testing RCDs

Various test and measurements are required for verification of RCD(s) in RCD protected installations. Measurements are based on the EN 61557-6 standard.
The following measurements and tests (sub-functions) can be performed:

- ❑ Contact voltage,
- ❑ Trip-out time,
- ❑ Trip-out current,
- ❑ RCD autotest.

See chapter *4.1 Function selection* for instructions on key functionality.
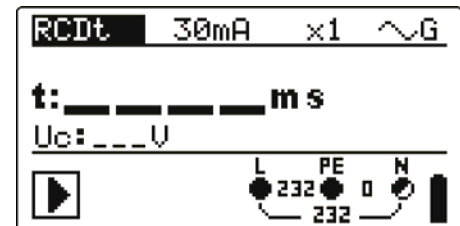
Figure 5.21: RCD test

Test parameters for RCD test and measurement

TEST	RCD **sub-function** test [RCDt, RCD I, AUTO, Uc].
I$_{\Delta N}$	**Rated** RCD residual current sensitivity I$_{\Delta N}$ [10 mA, 30 mA, 100 mA, 300 mA, 500 mA, 1000 mA].
type	RCD **type** AC, A, F, B, B+, starting **polarity** [∿, ⌁, ⌁, ⌁, ⊕, ⊖], selective ⓈS or general ☐ characteristic.
MUL	**Multiplication** factor for test current [½, 1, 2, 5 I$_{\Delta N}$].
Ulim	Conventional touch voltage **limit** [25 V, 50 V].

Notes:

- ❑ Ulim can be selected in the Uc sub-function only.
- ❑ Selective (time delayed) RCDs have delayed response characteristics. As the contact voltage pre-test or other RCD tests influence the time delayed RCD it takes a certain period to recover into normal state. Therefore a time delay of 30 s is inserted before performing trip-out test by default.

Connections for testing RCD
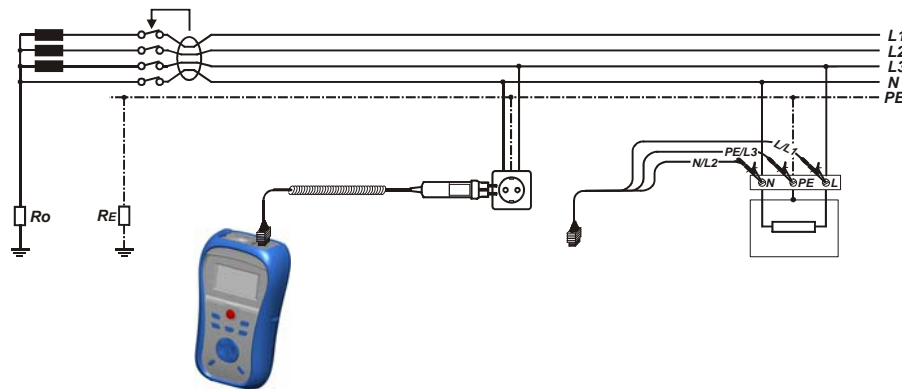
Figure 5.22: Connecting the plug cable and the universal test cable

5.6.1 Contact voltage (RCD Uc)

A current flowing into the PE terminal causes a voltage drop on earth resistance, i.e. voltage difference between PE equipotential bonding circuit and earth. This voltage difference is called contact voltage and is present on all accessible conductive parts connected to the PE. It shall always be lower than the conventional safety limit voltage. The contact voltage is measured with a test current lower than $\frac{1}{2}$ $I_{\Delta N}$ to avoid trip-out of the RCD and then normalized to the rated $I_{\Delta N}$.

Contact voltage measurement procedure

> ❑ Select the **RCD** function using the function selector switch.
> ❑ Set sub-function **Uc.**
> ❑ Set test **parameters** (if necessary).
> ❑ **Connect** test cable to the instrument.
> ❑ **Connect** test leads to the item to be tested (see *figure 5.22*).
> ❑ Press the **TEST** key to perform the measurement.
> ❑ **Store** the result by pressing the MEM key (optional).

The contact voltage result relates to the rated nominal residual current of the RCD and is multiplied by an appropriate factor (depending on RCD type and type of test current). The 1.05 factor is applied to avoid negative tolerance of result. See table 5.1 for detailed contact voltage calculation factors.

RCD type		Contact voltage Uc proportional to	Rated $I_{\Delta N}$
AC	☐	$1.05 \times I_{\Delta N}$	any
AC	S	$2 \times 1.05 \times I_{\Delta N}$	
A, F	☐	$1.4 \times 1.05 \times I_{\Delta N}$	≥ 30 mA
A, F	S	$2 \times 1.4 \times 1.05 \times I_{\Delta N}$	
A, F	☐	$2 \times 1.05 \times I_{\Delta N}$	< 30 mA
A, F	S	$2 \times 2 \times 1.05 \times I_{\Delta N}$	
B, B+	☐	$2 \times 1.05 \times I\Delta N$	any
B, B+	S	$2 \times 2 \times 1.05 \times I\Delta N$	

Table 5.1: Relationship between Uc and $I_{\Delta N}$

Loop resistance is indicative and calculated from Uc result (without additional proportional factors) according to: $R_L = \dfrac{U_C}{I_{\Delta N}}$.
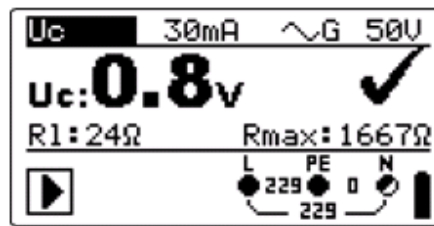
Figure 5.23: Example of contact voltage measurement results

Displayed results:

Uc........Contact voltage.
Rl.........Fault loop resistance.
Rmax...Maximum earth fault loop resistance value according to BS 7671

5.6.2 Trip-out time (RCDt)

Trip-out time measurement verifies the sensitivity of the RCD at different residual currents.

Trip-out time measurement procedure

- ❑ Select the **RCD** function using the function selector switch.
- ❑ Set sub-function **RCDt.**
- ❑ Set test **parameters** (if necessary).
- ❑ **Connect** test cable to the instrument.
- ❑ **Connect** test leads to the item to be tested (see *figure 5.22*).
- ❑ Press the **TEST** key to perform the measurement.
- ❑ **Store** the result by pressing the MEM key (optional).
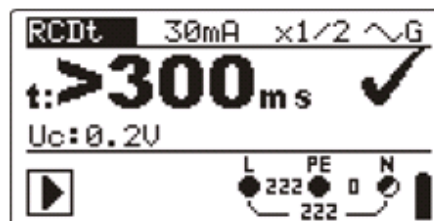
Figure 5.24: Example of trip-out time measurement results

Displayed results:

t ....Trip-out time,
Uc........Contact voltage for rated $I_{\Delta N}$.

5.6.3 Trip-out current (RCD I)

A continuously rising residual current is intended for testing the threshold sensitivity for RCD trip-out. The instrument increases the test current in small steps through appropriate range as follows:

RCD type	Slope range		Waveform
	Start value	End value	
AC	$0.2 \times I_{\Delta N}$	$1.1 \times I_{\Delta N}$	Sine
A, F ($I_{\Delta N} \geq 30$ mA)	$0.2 \times I_{\Delta N}$	$1.5 \times I_{\Delta N}$	Pulsed
A, F ($I_{\Delta N} = 10$ mA)	$0.2 \times I_{\Delta N}$	$2.2 \times I_{\Delta N}$	
B, B+	$0.2 \times I \Delta N$	$2.2 \times I \Delta N$	DC

Maximum test current is I_{Δ} (trip-out current) or end value in case the RCD didn't trip-out.

Trip-out current measurement procedure

> ❑ Select the **RCD** function using the function selector switch.
> ❑ Set sub-function **RCD I**.
> ❑ Set test **parameters** (if necessary).
> ❑ **Connect** test cable to the instrument.
> ❑ **Connect** test leads to the item to be tested (see *figure 5.22*).
> ❑ Press the **TEST** key to perform the measurement.
> ❑ **Store** the result by pressing the MEM key (optional).
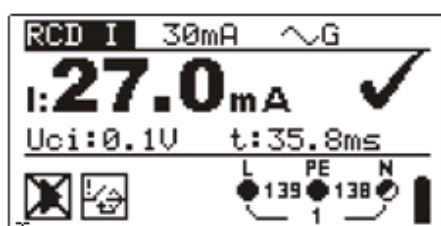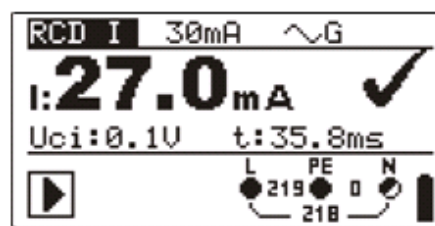
Trip-out   *After the RCD is turned on again*

Figure 5.25: Trip-out current measurement result example

Displayed results:

I ....Trip-out current,
Uci   Contact voltage at trip-out current I or end value in case the RCD didn't trip,
t ....Trip-out time.

5.6.4 RCD Autotest

RCD autotest function is intended to perform a complete RCD test (trip-out time at different residual currents, trip-out current and contact voltage) in one set of automatic tests, guided by the instrument.

Additional key:

HELP / DISPLAY	Toggles between top and bottom part of results field.

RCD autotest procedure

RCD Autotest steps	Notes
❑ Select the **RCD** function using the function selector switch. ❑ Set sub-function **AUTO.** ❑ Set test **parameters** (if necessary). ❑ **Connect** test cable to the instrument. ❑ **Connect** test leads to the item to be tested (see *figure 5.22*). ❑ Press the **TEST** key to perform the test.	 Start of test
❑ Test with $I_{\Delta N}$, 0° (step 1).	RCD should trip-out
❑ **Re-activate** RCD. ❑ Test with $I_{\Delta N}$, 180° (step 2).	 RCD should trip-out
❑ **Re-activate** RCD. ❑ Test with $5 \times I_{\Delta N}$, 0° (step 3).	 RCD should trip-out
❑ **Re-activate** RCD. ❑ Test with $5 \times I_{\Delta N}$, 180° (step 4).	 RCD should trip-out
❑ **Re-activate** RCD. ❑ Test with $\frac{1}{2} \times I \Delta N$, 0° (step 5). ❑ Test with $\frac{1}{2} \times I \Delta N$, 180° (step 6).	 RCD should not trip-out RCD should not trip-out
❑ Trip-out current test, 0° (step 7).	RCD should trip-out
❑ **Re-activate** RCD. ❑ Trip-out current test, 180° (step 8).	 RCD should trip-out
❑ **Re-activate** RCD. ❑ **Store** the result by pressing the MEM key (optional).	 End of test

Result examples:

Step 1

Step 2

Step 3

Step 4
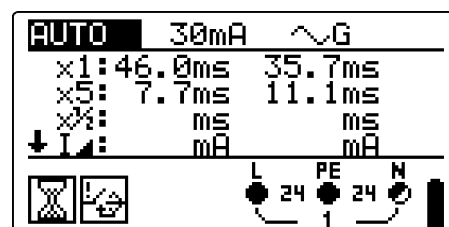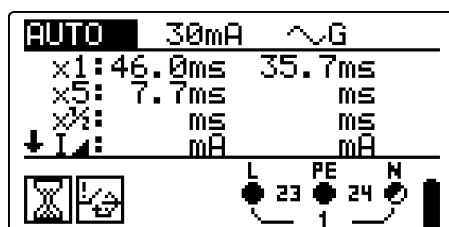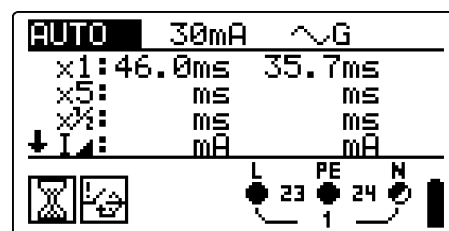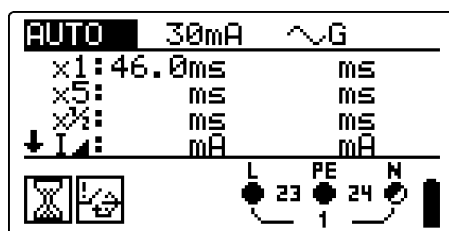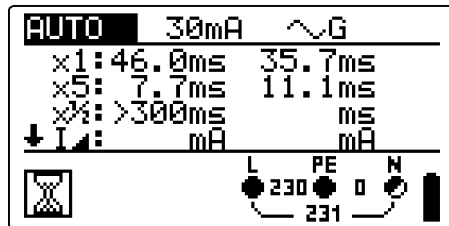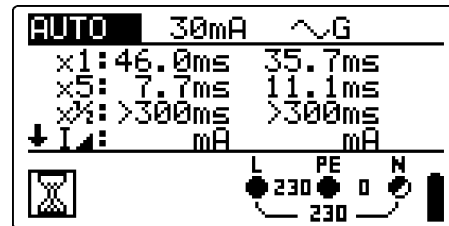
Step 5   *Step 6*
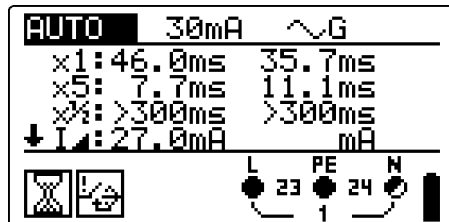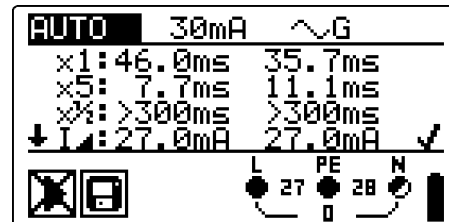
Step 7   *Step 8*

Figure 5.26: Individual steps in RCD autotest
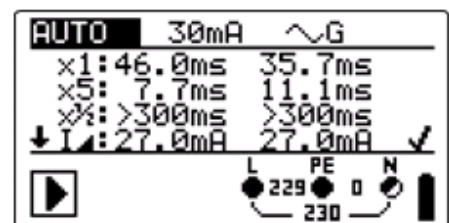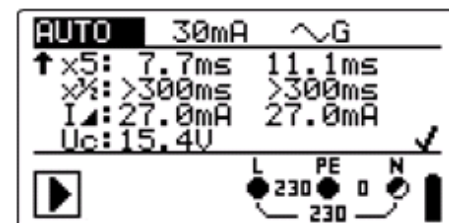
Top   *Bottom*

Figure 5.27: Two parts of result field in RCD autotest

Displayed results:

x1 ....Step 1 trip-out time ($t_{\times 1}$, IΔN, 0º),
x1 ....Step 2 trip-out time ($t_{\times 1}$, IΔN, 180º),
x5 ....Step 3 trip-out time ($t_{\times 5}$, 5×IΔN, 0º),
x5 ....Step 4 trip-out time ($t_{\times 5}$, 5×IΔN, 180º),
x½ ....Step 5 trip-out time ($t_{\times \frac{1}{2}}$, ½×IΔN, 0º),
x½ ....Step 6 trip-out time ($t_{\times \frac{1}{2}}$, ½×IΔN, 180º),
I$\blacktriangle$.........Step 7 trip-out current (0º),
I$\blacktriangle$.........Step 8 trip-out current (180º),
Uc........Contact voltage for rated IΔN.

Notes:

❑ The autotest sequence is immediately stopped if any incorrect condition is detected, e.g. excessive Uc or trip-out time out of bounds.
❑ Auto test is finished without x5 tests in case of testing the RCD types A, F with rated residual currents of IΔn = 300 mA, 500 mA, and 1000 mA. In this case auto test result passes if all other results pass, and indications for x5 are omitted.
❑ Tests for sensitivity (I$_\Delta$, steps 7 and 8) are omitted for selective type RCD.

5.7 Fault loop impedance and prospective fault current

Fault loop is a loop comprised by mains source, line wiring and PE return path to the mains source. The instrument measures the impedance of the loop and calculates the short circuit current. The measurement is covered by requirements of the EN 61557-3 standard.

See chapter *4.1 Function selection* for instructions on key functionality.
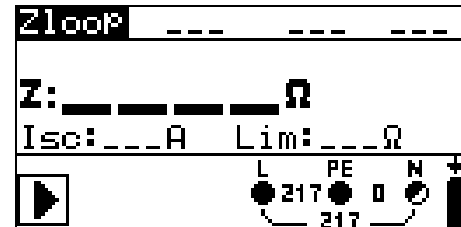
Figure 5.28: Fault loop impedance

Test parameters for fault loop impedance measurement

Test	Selection of fault loop impedance **sub-function** [Zloop, Zs rcd]
Fuse type	Selection of **fuse type** [---, BS88, BS3036, BS1361, BS1362, B, C, D]
Fuse I	**Rated current** of selected fuse
Fuse T	Maximum **breaking time** of selected fuse
Lim	Minimum short circuit **current** for selected fuse.

See Appendix A for reference fuse data.

Circuits for measurement of fault loop impedance
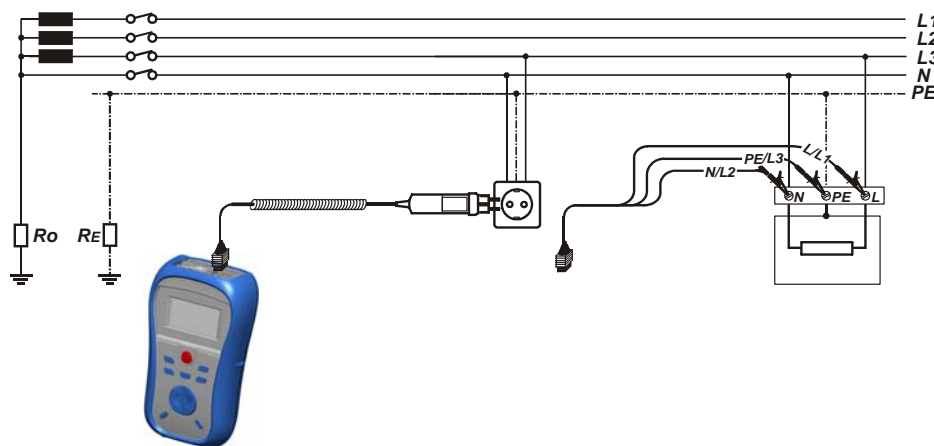
Figure 5.29: Connection of plug cable and universal test cable

Fault loop impedance measurement procedure

> ❑ Select the **Zloop** or **Zs rcd** subfunction using the function selector switch and ⋏/⋎ keys.
> ❑ Select test **parameters** (optional).
> ❑ **Connect** test cable to the Eurotest Combo**.**
> ❑ **Connect** test leads to the item to be tested (see *figures 5.29 and 5.22*).
> ❑ Press the **TEST** key to perform the measurement.
> ❑ **Store** the result by pressing the MEM key (optional).
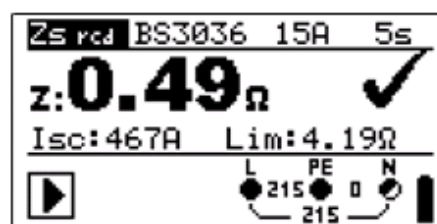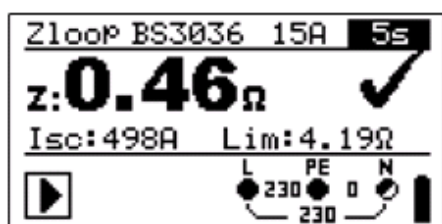
Figure 5.30: Examples of loop impedance measurement result

Displayed results:

Z..............Fault loop impedance,
Isc............Prospective fault current,
Lim ....High limit fault loop impedance value.

Prospective fault current I_{PFC} is calculated from measured impedance as follows:

$$I_{PFC} = \frac{U_N}{Z_{L-PE} \cdot scaling\_factor}$$

where:
Un ....Nominal U_{L-PE} voltage (see table below),
Scaling factor.......Impedance correction factor (see chapter *4.2.5*).

U_n	Input voltage (L-PE)
110 V	(93 V $\leq U_{L-PE}$ < 134 V)
230 V	(185 V $\leq U_{L-PE} \leq$ 266 V)

Notes:

> ❑ High fluctuations of mains voltage can influence the measurement results (the noise sign ⌐ᴸᴸ⌐ is displayed in the message field). In this case it is recommended to repeat few measurements to check if the readings are stable.
> ❑ The Zloop test will trip-out the RCD in RCD-protected electrical installation.
> ❑ Select Zs rcd to prevent trip-out of RCD in RCD protected installation.

5.8 Line impedance and prospective short-circuit current / Voltage drop

Line impedance is measured in loop comprising of mains voltage source and line wiring. Line impedance is covered by the requirements of the EN 61557-3 standard.

The Voltage drop sub-function is intended to check that a voltage in the installation stays above acceptable levels if the highest current is flowing in the circuit. The highest current is defined as the nominal current of the circuit's fuse. The limit values are described in the standard EN 60364-5-52.

Sub-functions:

- ❑ Z LINE- Line impedance measurement according to EN 61557-3,
- ❑ ΔU – Voltage drop measurement.

See chapter *4.1 Function selection* for instructions on key functionality.
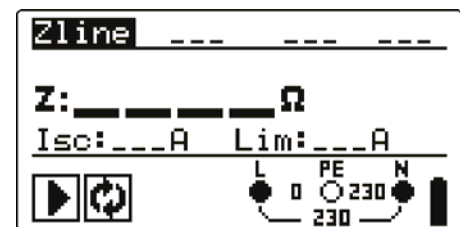
Figure 5.31: Line impedance
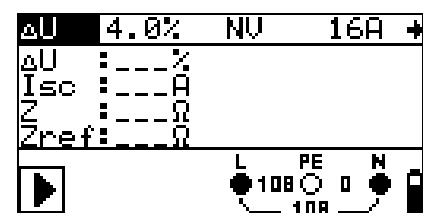
Figure 5.32: Voltage drop

Test parameters for line impedance measurement

Test	Selection of line impedance [Zline] or voltage drop [ΔU] **sub-function**
FUSE type	Selection of **fuse type** [---, BS88, BS3036, BS1361, BS1362, B, C, D]
FUSE I	**Rated current** of selected fuse
FUSE T	Maximum **breaking time** of selected fuse
Lim	Minimum short circuit **current** for selected fuse.

See Appendix A for reference fuse data.

Additional test parameters for voltage drop measurement

ΔU$_{MAX}$	Maximum **voltage drop** [3.0 % ÷ 9.0 %]**.**

5.8.1 Line impedance and prospective short circuit current

Circuits for measurement of line impedance
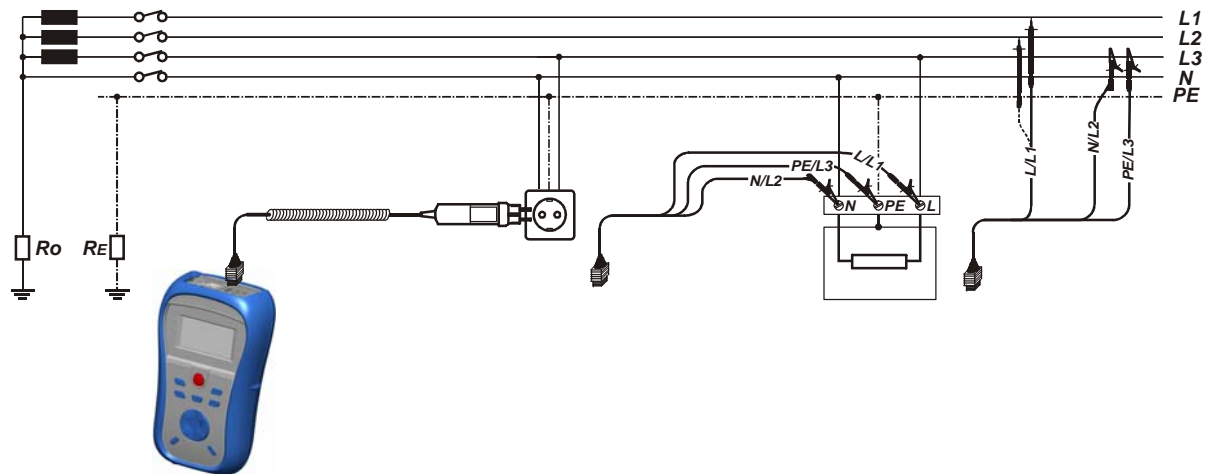
Figure 5.33: Phase-neutral or phase-phase line impedance measurement – connection of plug cable and 3-wire test lead

Line impedance measurement procedure

> ❑ Select the **Z-LINE** sub-function.
> ❑ Select test **parameters** (optional).
> ❑ **Connect** test cable to the instrument.
> ❑ **Connect** test leads to the item to be tested (see *figure 5.33*).
> ❑ Press the **TEST** key to perform the measurement.
> ❑ **Store** the result by pressing the MEM key (optional).
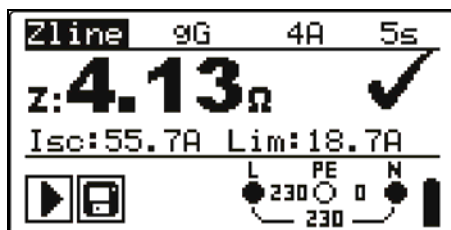
Line to neutral   *Line to line*
Figure 5.34: Examples of line impedance measurement result

Displayed results:
Z..............Line impedance,
Isc............Prospective short-circuit current,
Lim ....Low limit prospective short-circuit current value or high limit line impedance value for the UK version.

Prospective short circuit current is calculated as follows:

$$I_{SC} = \frac{Un \times k_{SC}}{Z}$$

where:
Un ....Nominal L-N or L1-L2 voltage (see table below),
ksc ....Correction factor for Isc (see chapter *4.2.5*).

U_n	Input voltage range (L-N or L1-L2)
110 V	$(93\ V \leq U_{L-N} < 134\ V)$
230 V	$(185\ V \leq U_{L-N} \leq 266\ V)$
400 V	$(321\ V < U_{L-L} \leq 485\ V)$

Note:

❑ High fluctuations of mains voltage can influence the measurement results (the noise sign ⌇ is displayed in the message field). In this case it is recommended to repeat few measurements to check if the readings are stable.

5.8.2 Voltage drop

The voltage drop is calculated based on the difference of line impedance at connection points (sockets) and the line impedance at the reference point (usually the impedance at the switchboard).

Circuits for measurement for voltage drop
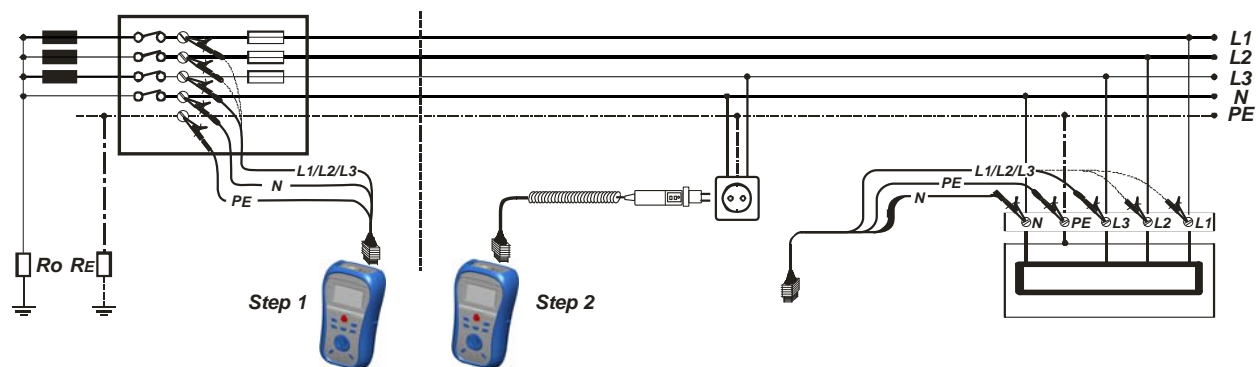
Figure 5.35: Phase-neutral or phase-phase voltage drop measurement – connection of plug cable and 3-wire test lead

Voltage drop measurement procedure

Step 1: Measuring the impedance Zref at origin

❑ Select the **ΔU** sub-function using the function selector switch and ⋏/⋎ keys.
❑ Select test **parameters** (optional).
❑ **Connect** test cable to the instrument.
❑ **Connect** the test leads to the origin of electrical installation (see *figure 5.35*).
❑ Press the **CAL** key to perform the measurement.

Step 2: Measuring the voltage drop

❑ Select the **ΔU** sub-function using the function selector switch and ⋏/⋎ keys.
❑ Select test **parameters** (Fuse type must be selected).
❑ **Connect** test cable or plug commander to the instrument.
❑ **Connect** the test leads to the tested points (see *figure 5.35*).
❑ Press the **TEST** key to perform the measurement.
❑ **Store** the result by pressing the MEM key (optional).
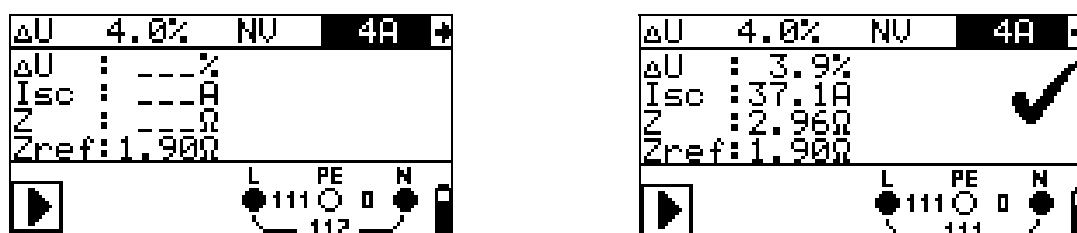
Step 1 - Zref   *Step 2 - Voltage drop*

Figure 5.36: Examples of voltage drop measurement result

Displayed results:
ΔU ....Voltage drop,
I$_{SC}$............Prospective short-circuit current,
Z..............Line impedance at measured point,
Zref..........Reference impedance

Voltage drop is calculated as follows:

$$\Delta U [\%] = \frac{(Z - Z_{REF}) \cdot I_N}{U_N} \cdot 100$$

where:
ΔU........calculated voltage drop
Z………impedance at test point
Z$_{REF}$…...impedance at reference point
I$_N$………rated current of selected fuse
U$_N$…….nominal voltage (see table below)

U$_n$	Input voltage range (L-N or L1-L2)
110 V	(93 V $\leq$ U$_{L-PE}$ < 134 V)
230 V	(185 V $\leq$ U$_{L-PE}$ $\leq$ 266 V)
400 V	(321 V < U$_{L-N}$ $\leq$ 485 V)

Note:

- If the reference impedance is not set the value of Z$_{REF}$ is considered as 0.00 Ω.
- The Z$_{REF}$ is cleared (set to 0.00 Ω) if pressing CAL key while instrument is not connected to a voltage source.
- I$_{SC}$ is calculated as described in chapter 5.8.1 Line impedance and prospective short circuit current.
- If the measured voltage is outside the ranges described in the table above the ΔU result will not be calculated.
- High fluctuations of mains voltage can influence the measurement results (the noise sign is displayed in the message field). In this case it is recommended to repeat few measurements to check if the readings are stable.

5.9 Earth resistance

Earth resistance is one of the most important parameters for protection against electric shock. Main earthing arrangements, lightning systems, local earthings, etc can be

verified with the earthing resistance test. The measurement conforms to the EN 61557-5 standard.

See chapter *4.1 Function selection* for instructions on key functionality.

Figure 5.37: Earth resistance

Test parameters for earth resistance measurement

Limit	**Maximum resistance** OFF, 1 Ω ÷ 5 kΩ

Earth resistance measurements, common measurement procedure

- ❑ Select **EARTH** function using the function selector switch.
- ❑ Enable and set **limit** value (optional).
- ❑ **Connect** test leads to the instrument
- ❑ **Connect** the item to be tested (see *figures 5.38, 5.39*).
- ❑ Press the **TEST** key to perform the measurement.
- ❑ **Store** the result by pressing the MEM key (optional).
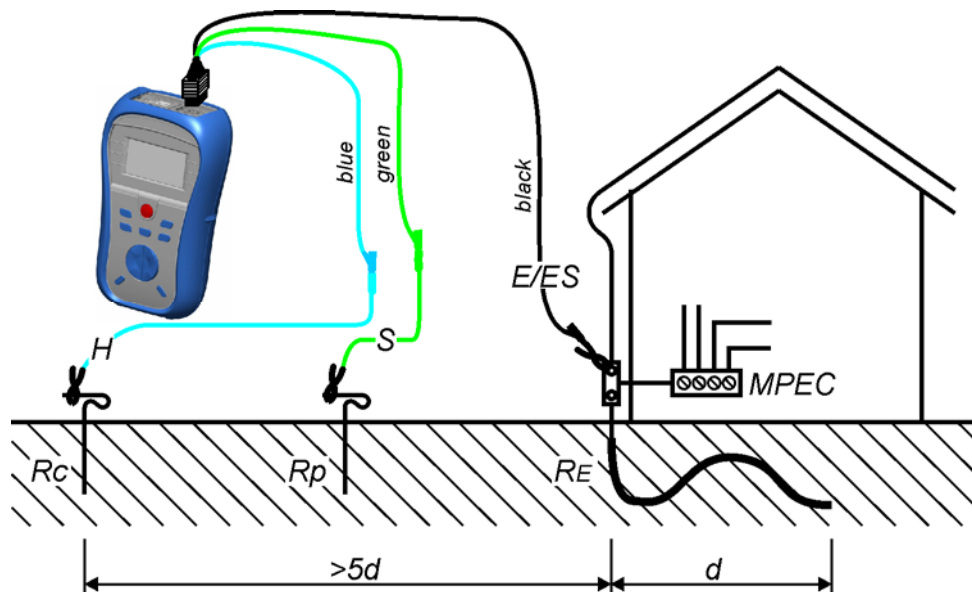
Figure 5.38: Resistance to earth, measurement of main installation earthing
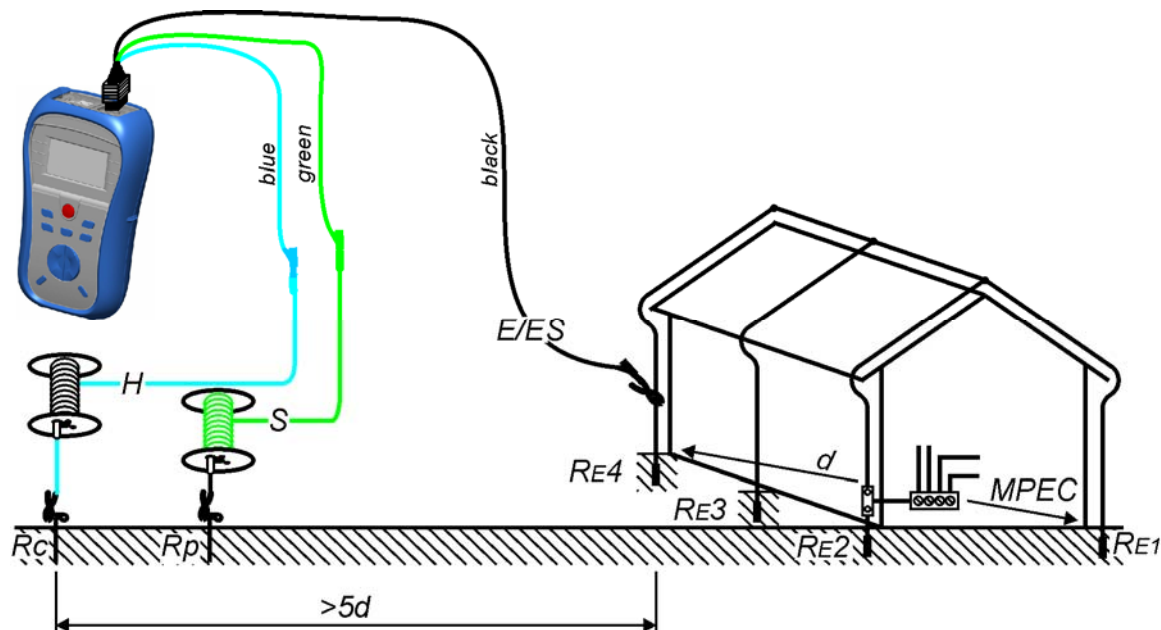
Figure 5.39: Resistance to earth, measurement of a lighting protection system
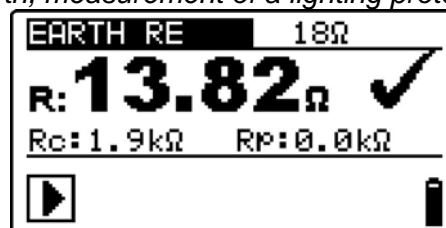
Figure 5.40: Example of earth resistance measurement result

Displayed results for earth resistance measurement:
R..............Earth resistance,
Rp............Resistance of S (potential) probe,
Rc............Resistance of H (current) probe.

Notes:

❑ High resistance of S and H probes could influence the measurement results. In this case, "Rp" and "Rc" warnings are displayed. There is no pass / fail indication in this case.
❑ High noise currents and voltages in earth could influence the measurement results. The tester displays the "noise" warning in this case.
❑ Probes must be placed at sufficient distance from the measured object.

5.10   PE test terminal

It can happen that a dangerous voltage is applied to the PE wire or other accessible metal parts. This is a very dangerous situation since the PE wire and MPEs are considered to be earthed. An often reason for this fault is incorrect wiring (see examples below).
When touching the **TEST** key in all functions that require mains supply the user automatically performs this test.
Examples for application of PE test terminal
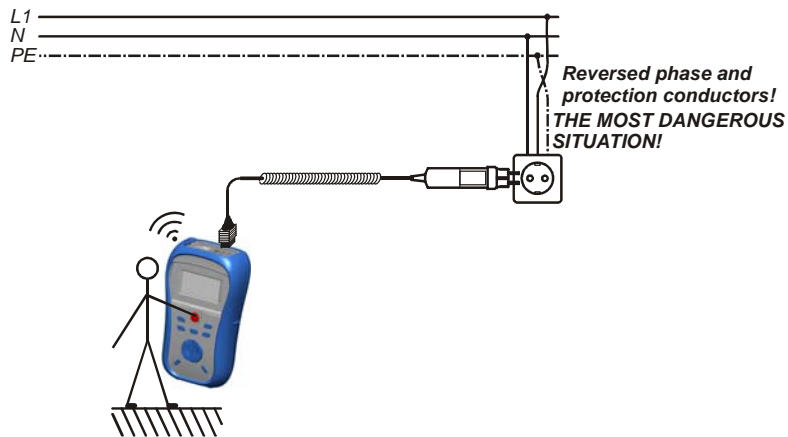
Figure 5.41: Reversed L and PE conductors (application of plug cable)
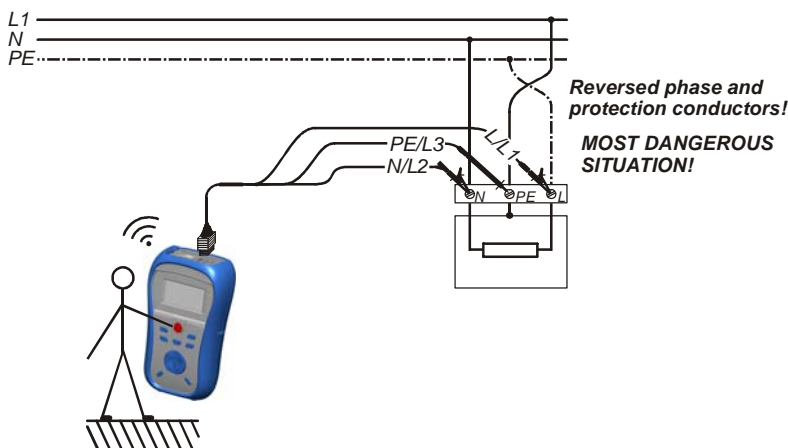
Figure 5.42: Reversed L and PE conductors (application of universal test cable)

PE terminal test procedure

> ❑ **Connect** test cable to the instrument.
> ❑ **Connect** test leads to the item to be tested (see *figures 5.41* and *5.42*).
> ❑ Touch PE test probe (the **TEST** key) for at least one second.
> ❑ If PE terminal is connected to phase voltage the warning message is displayed, instrument buzzer is activated, and further measurements are disabled in Z-LOOP and RCD functions.

Warning:

❑ If dangerous voltage is detected on the tested PE terminal, immediately stop all measurements, find and remove the fault!

Notes:

❑ In the SETTINGS and VOLTAGE TRMS menus the PE terminal is not tested.
❑ PE test terminal does not operate in case the operator's body is completely insulated from floor or walls!

6 Data handling

6.1 Memory organization

Measurement results together with all relevant parameters can be stored in the instrument's memory. After the measurement is completed, results can be stored to the flash memory of the instrument, together with the sub-results and function parameters.

6.2 Data structure

The instrument's memory place is organized in a four-level structure as follows:

- ❑ Object (1st structure level, the highest level),
- ❑ Distribution Board (2nd structure level),
- ❑ Circuit, Earth Electrode, Bonding conductors (3rd structure level),
- ❑ Connection (4th structure level).

```
OBJECT 001
            ➢ DISTRIBUTION BOARD  001
                        ➢ CIRCUIT  001
                        ➢ CIRCUIT  002
                        ...
                        ➢ CIRCUIT  199

                        ➢ EARTH ELECTRODE

                        ➢ BONDING Water
                        ➢ BONDING Oil
                        ➢ BONDING Lightning
                        ➢ BONDING Gas
                        ➢ BONDING Structural Steel
                        ➢ BONDING Other
                        ➢ BONDING Earthing conductor
                                    ➢          CONNECTION 001
                                    …
                                    ➢          CONNECTION 199

            ➢ DISTRIBUTION BOARD  002
                        ➢ CIRCUIT  001
                        ➢ CIRCUIT  002
                        ...
                        ➢ CIRCUIT  199

                        ➢ EARTH ELECTRODE

                        ➢ BONDING Water
                        ➢ BONDING Oil
                        ➢ BONDING Lightning
                        ➢ BONDING Gas
                        ➢ BONDING Structural Steel
                        ➢ BONDING Other
                        ➢ BONDING Earthing conductor
                                    ➢          CONNECTION 001
                                    …
                                    ➢          CONNECTION 199

            ➢ DISTRIBUTION BOARD 199
                        ➢ CIRCUIT  001
                        ➢ CIRCUIT  002
                        ...
                        ➢ CIRCUIT  199

                        ➢ EARTH ELECTRODE

                        ➢ BONDING Water
                        ➢ BONDING Oil
                        ➢ BONDING Lightning
                        ➢ BONDING Gas
                        ➢ BONDING Structural Steel
```

> ➤ BONDING Other
> ➤ BONDING Earthing conductor
>> ➤ CONNECTION 001
>> …
>> ➤ CONNECTION 199

OBJECT 002

…

OBJECT 199
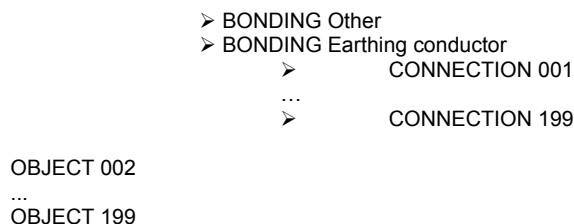
Figure 6.1: Instrument memory organization

The memory structure is organized in a way that is suited to BS 7671 and other verification documents (Electrical Installation Certificate, Periodic Inspection Report etc.). If the results are stored in appropriate memory locations an automatic creation of a certificate/ report is possible.

Display organization

The **installation structure field** describes the location of the measurement (which object, board, circuit, connection).

In the **measurement field** there is information about type and number of measurements that belong to the selected structure element (object and board and circuit and connection).

The main advantages of this system are:

- ❑ Test results can be organized and grouped in a structured manner that reflects the structure of the electrical installation.
- ❑ Customized names of data structure elements can be uploaded from EurolinkPRO PCSW.
- ❑ Simple browsing through the structure and results.
- ❑ Test certificates / reports can be created with no or little modifications after downloading results to a PC.

```
RECALL RESULTS
[OBJ]OBJECT 191
[D.B]D.BOARD 001
[ELE]EARTH ELECTR.
[CON]CONNECTION 001

>No.: 9/9
```
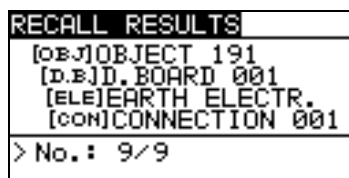
Figure 6.2: Installation structure and measurement fields

Installation structure elements

`RECALL RESULTS`	Memory operation menu

`[OBJ]OBJECT 002`
`[D.B]D.BOARD 002`
`[CIR]CIRCUIT 009`
`[CON]CONNECTION 003`
	Data structure field

`[OBJ]OBJECT 002`	❑ **1st level:** **OBJECT**: Default location name (object and its successive number).
`[D.B]D.BOARD 002`	❑ **2nd level:** **D.BOARD**: Default location name (distribution board and its successive number).
`[CIR]CIRCUIT 009` `[B.O]BONDING OIL`	❑ **3rd level:** **CIRCUIT**: Default location name (circuit and its

`[ELE]EARTH ELECTR.`	successive number). **BONDING xxx**: Default location names (7 bonding connections). **EARTH ELECTR.**: Default location name (earth electrode).
`[CON]CONNECTION 003`	❑ **4th level:** **CONNECTION**: Default location name (connection and its successive number). **003**: No. of selected element.
`No.: 20 [112]`	No. of measurements in selected location [No. of measurements in selected location and its sub-locations]

Measurement field

`No.: 37/72`	No. of selected test result / No. of all stored test results in selected location.
`R ISO`	Type of stored measurement in the selected location.

6.3 Storing test results

After the completion of a test the results and parameters are ready for storing (💾 icon is displayed in the information field). By pressing the **MEM** key, the user can store the results.

```
RECALL RESULTS
 [OBJ]OBJECT 191
 [D.B]D.BOARD 001
 [ELE]EARTH ELECTR.
> [CON]CONNECTION 001
              FREE:99.7%
MEM : SAVE
```

Figure 6.3: Save test menu

`FREE: 92.5%`	Memory space available for storing results.

Keys in save test menu - installation structure field:

TAB	Selects the location element (Object / D. Board / Circuit or Bonding or Electrode/ Connection)
UP / DOWN	Selects the location element in selected level.
MEM	Saves test results to the selected location and returns to the measuring menu.
Function selector / TEST	Exits back to main function menu.

Notes:

❑ The instrument offers to store the result to the last selected location by default.
❑ If the measurement is to be stored to the same location as the previous one just press the **MEM** key twice.

6.4 Recalling test results

Press the **MEM** key in a main function menu when there is no result available for storing or select **MEMORY** in the **SETTINGS** menu.

Figure 6.4: Recall menu - installation structure field selected   *Figure 6.5: Recall menu - measurements field selected*

Keys in recall memory menu (installation structure field):

TAB	Selects the location element (Object / D. Board / Circuit or Bonding or Electrode / Connection).
UP / DOWN	Selects the location element in selected level.
Function selector / TEST	Exits back to main function menu.
MEM	Enters measurements field.

Keys in recall memory menu (measurements field):

UP / DOWN	Selects the stored measurement.
TAB	Returns to installation structure field.
Function selector / TEST	Exits back to main function menu.
MEM	View selected measurement results.

Figure 6.6: Example of recalled measurement result

Keys in recall memory menu (measurement results are displayed)

UP / DOWN	Displays measurement results stored in selected location.
MEM	Returns to measurements field.
Function selector / TEST	Exits back to main function menu.

6.5 Clearing stored data

6.5.1 Clearing complete memory content

Select **CLEAR ALL MEMORY** in **MEMORY** menu. A warning (see Figure 6.7) will be displayed.

```
CLEAR ALL MEMORY


All saved results
will be lost

```
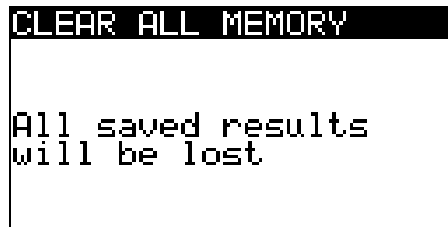
Figure 6.7: Clear all memory

Keys in clear all memory menu:

TEST	Confirms clearing of complete memory content.
Function selector	Exits back to main function menu without changes.

```
CLEARING MEMORY

    77%

```
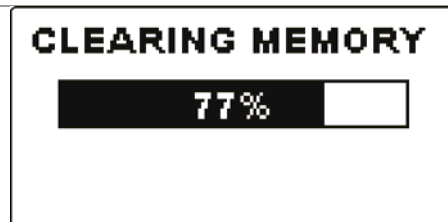
Figure 6.8: Clearing memory in progress

6.5.2 Clearing measurement(s) in selected location and its sub-locations

Select **DELETE RESULTS** in **MEMORY** menu.

```
DELETE RESULTS
  [OBJ]OBJECT 002
> [D.B]D.BOARD 002
  [CIR]-----
  [CON]-----
No.: 2 [20]
```

```
DELETE RESULTS
  [OBJ]OBJECT 002
  [D.B]D.BOARD 002
  [B.W]BONDING WATER
> [CON]CONNECTION 002
No.: 3
```
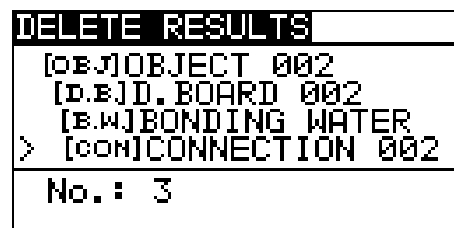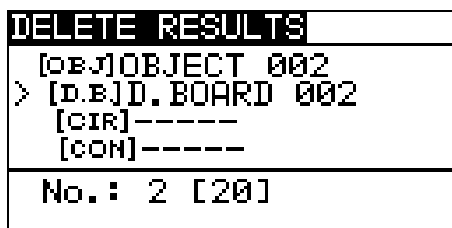
Figure 6.9: Clear measurements menu (data structure field selected)

Keys in delete results menu (installation structure field selected):

TAB	Selects the location element (Object / D. Board / Circuit or Bonding or Electrode / Connection).
UP / DOWN	Selects the location element in selected level.
Function selector / TEST	Exits back to main function menu.
HELP	Enters dialog box for deleting all measurements in selected location and its sub-locations.

Keys in dialog box for clearing results in selected location and its sub-locations:

HELP	Deletes all results in selected location/ sub-location(s)
TAB / MEM	Exits back to installation structure field menu without changes.
Function selector / TEST	Exits back to main function menu without changes.

6.5.3 Clearing individual measurements

Select **DELETE RESULTS** in **MEMORY** menu.


```
DELETE RESULTS
 [OBJ]OBJECT 002
 [D.B]D.BOARD 002
 [CIR]CIRCUIT 001
 [CON]CONNECTION 001

>No.: 2/2
 ISO L/E
```

Figure 6.10: Menu for clearing individual measurement (installation structure field selected)

Keys in delete results menu (installation structure field selected):

TAB	Selects the location element (Object / D. Board / Circuit or Bonding or Electrode/ Connection).
UP / DOWN	Selects the location element in selected level.
Function selector / TEST	Exits back to main function menu.
MEM	Enters measurements field.

Keys in delete results menu (measurements field selected):

UP / DOWN	Selects measurement.
HELP	Opens dialog box for confirmation to clear selected measurement.
TAB	Returns to installation structure field.
Function selector / TEST	Exits back to main function menu without changes.

Keys in dialog for confirmation to clear selected result(s):

HELP	Deletes selected measurement result.
MEM / TAB	Exits back to measurements field without changes.
Function selector / TEST	Exits back to main function menu without changes.
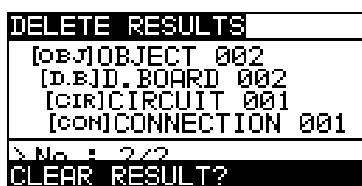
Figure 6.11: Dialog for confirmation   *Figure 6.12: Display after measurement was cleared*
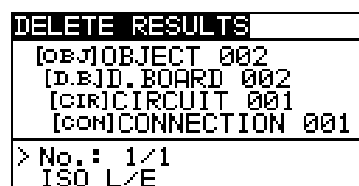
6.5.4 Renaming installation structure elements (upload from PC)

Default installation structure elements are 'Object', 'D.Board', 'Earth Electr.' and 'Connection'. In the PCSW package EurolinkPRO default names can be changed with customized names that corresponds the installation under test. Refer to PCSW EurolinkPRO HELP for information how to upload customized installation names to the instrument.
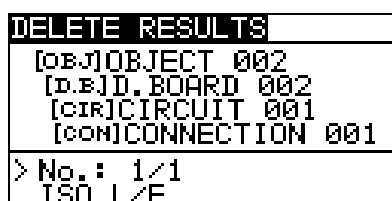
Figure 6.13: Example of menu with customized installation structure names

6.5.5 Renaming installation structure elements with serial barcode reader or RFID reader

Default installation structure elements are 'Object', 'D.Board', 'Earth Electr.' and 'Connection'. When the instrument is in the Save results menu location ID can be scanned from a barcode label with the barcode reader or can be read from a RFID tag with the RFID reader.
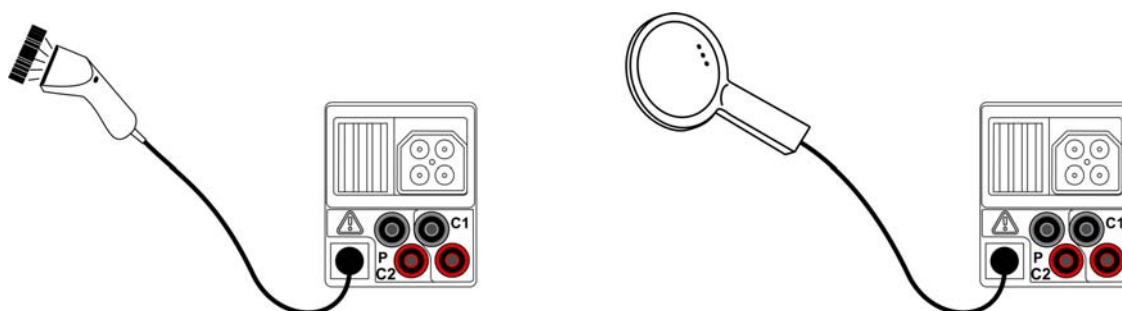
Figure 6.14: Connection of the barcode reader and RFID reader

How to change the name of memory location

❑   Connect the barcode reader or RFID reader to the instrument.

❑   In Save menu select memory location to be renamed.
❑   A new location name (scanned from a barcode label or a RFID tag) will be accepted by the instrument. A successful receive of a barcode or RFID tag is confirmed by two short confirmation beeps.

Note:
❑   Use only barcode readers and RFID readers delivered by Metrel or authorized distributor.

6.6   Communication

Stored results can be transferred to a PC. A special communication program on the PC automatically identifies the instrument and enables data transfer between the instrument and the PC.

There are three communication interfaces available: USB, RS 232 and Bluetooth.

6.6.1 USB and RS232 communication

The instrument automatically selects the communication mode according to detected interface. USB interface has priority.
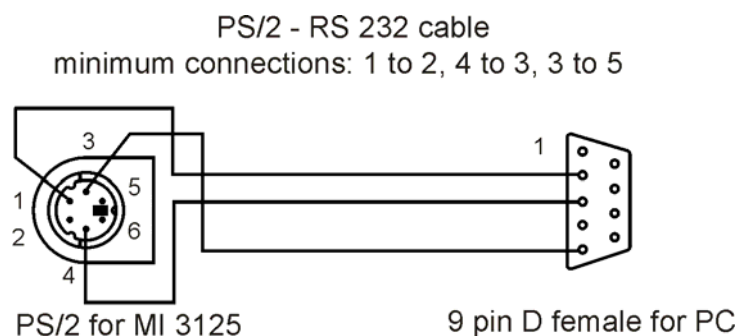
Figure 6.15: Interface connection for data transfer over PC COM port

How to establish an USB or RS232 link:

> ❑ RS-232 communication: connect a PC COM port to the instrument PS/2 connector using the PS/2 - RS232 serial communication cable;
> ❑ USB communication: connect a PC USB port to the instrument USB connector using the USB interface cable.
> ❑ Switch **on** the PC and the instrument.
> ❑ **Run** the *EurolinkPRO* program*.*
> ❑ The PC and the instrument will automatically recognize each other.
> ❑ The instrument is prepared to communicate with the PC.

The program *EurolinkPRO* is a PC software running on Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, and Windows 8. Read the file README_EuroLink.txt on CD for instructions about installing and running the program.

Note:
> ❑ USB drivers should be installed on PC before using the USB interface. Refer to USB installation instructions available on installation CD.

6.6.2 Bluetooth communication (model MI 3125B)

With the optional Bluetooth dongle A 1436 the MI3125B instrument can communicate via Bluetooth.

How to configure a Bluetooth link between instrument and PC

- ❑ Switch Off and On the instrument. Bluetooth dongle A 1436 must be inserted to the instrument's PS/2 port.
- ❑ Be sure that the dongle is properly initialized. If not, the Bluetooth dongle must be initialized as described in chapter *4.2.6 Communication (model MI 3125B).*
- ❑ On PC configure a Standard Serial Port to enable communication over Bluetooth link between instrument and PC. No code for pairing the devices is needed.
- ❑ Run the *EurolinkPRO* program*.*
- ❑ The PC and the instrument will automatically recognize each other.
- ❑ The instrument is prepared to communicate with the PC.

How to configure a Bluetooth link between instrument and Android device

- ❑ Switch Off and On the instrument. Bluetooth dongle A 1436 must be inserted to the instrument's PS/2 port.
- ❑ Be sure that the dongle is properly initialized. If not the Bluetooth dongle must be initialized as described in chapter *4.2.6 Communication (model MI 3125B).*
- ❑ Some Android applications automatically carry out the setup of a Bluetooth connection. It is preferred to use this option if it exists.
  This option is supported by Metrel's Android applications.
- ❑ If this option is not supported by the selected Android application then configure a Bluetooth link via Android device's Bluetooth configuration tool. No code for pairing the devices is needed.
- ❑ The instrument and Android device are ready to communicate.

Notes:
- ❑ Sometimes there will be a demand from the PC or Android device to enter the code. Enter code 'NNNN' to correctly configure the Bluetooth link.
- ❑ The name of a correctly configured Bluetooth device must consist of the instrument type plus serial number, eg. *MI 3125B-12240429D.* If the Bluetooth dongle got another name, the configuration must be repeated.

6.6.3 Bluetooth communication (model MI 3125 BT)

The internal Bluetooth module enables easy communication via Bluetooth with PC and Android devices.

How to configure a Bluetooth link between instrument and PC

- ❑ Switch On the instrument.
- ❑ On PC configure a Standard Serial Port to enable communication over Bluetooth link between instrument and PC. No code for pairing the devices is needed.
- ❑ Run the *EurolinkPRO* program*.*
- ❑ The PC and the instrument will automatically recognize each other.
- ❑ The instrument is prepared to communicate with the PC.

How to configure a Bluetooth link between instrument and Android device

> ❑ Switch On the instrument.
> ❑ Some Android applications automatically carry out the setup of a Bluetooth connection. It is preferred to use this option if it exists.
> This option is supported by Metrel's Android applications.
> ❑ If this option is not supported by the selected Android application then configure a Bluetooth link via Android device's Bluetooth configuration tool. No code for pairing the devices is needed.
> ❑ The instrument and Android device are ready to communicate.

Notes:
- ❑ Sometimes there will be a demand from the PC or Android device to enter the code. Enter code 'NNNN' to correctly configure the Bluetooth link.
- ❑ The name of correctly configured Bluetooth device must consist of the instrument type plus serial number, eg. *MI 3125 BT-12240429I*. If the Bluetooth module got another name, the configuration must be repeated.
- ❑ Model MI 3125 BT doesn't support operation with Bluetooth dongle A1436.
- ❑ Model MI 3125 BT: In case of serious troubles with the Bluetooth communication it is possible to reinitialize the internal Bluetooth module. The initialization is carried out during the Initial settings procedure. In case of a successful initialization "INTERNAL BLUETOOTH SEARCHING OK!" is displayed at the end of the procedure. See chapter *4.2.8 Initial settings*.

7 Maintenance

Unauthorized persons are not allowed to open the Eurotest Combo instrument. There are no user replaceable components inside the instrument, except the battery and fuse under rear cover.

7.1 Fuse replacement

There is a fuse under back cover of the Eurotest Combo instrument.
   ❑ F1
   M 0.315 A / 250 V, 20×5 mm
   This fuse protects internal circuitry for continuity functions if test probes are connected to the mains supply voltage by mistake during measurement.

Warnings:

   ❑ ⚠ **Disconnect all measuring accessory and switch off the instrument before opening battery / fuse compartment cover, hazardous voltage inside!**
   ❑ Replace blown fuse with original type only, otherwise the instrument may be damaged and/or operator's safety impaired!

Position of fuses can be seen in *Figure 3.4* in *chapter 3.3 Back side*.

7.2 Cleaning

No special maintenance is required for the housing. To clean the surface of the instrument use a soft cloth slightly moistened with soapy water or alcohol. Then leave the instrument to dry totally before use.

Warnings:
   ❑ Do not use liquids based on petrol or hydrocarbons!
   ❑ Do not spill cleaning liquid over the instrument!

7.3 Periodic calibration

It is essential that the test instrument is regularly calibrated in order that the technical specification listed in this manual is guaranteed. We recommend an annual calibration. Only an authorized technical person can do the calibration. Please contact your dealer for further information.

7.4   Upgrading the instrument

The instrument can be upgraded from a PC via the RS232 communication port. This enables to upgrade the instrument to the latest available software version. The upgrade can be carried with a help of special upgrading software and the communication cable as shown on *Figure 6.15*. Please contact your dealer for more information.

7.5 Service

For repairs under warranty, or at any other time, please contact your distributor.

8 Technical specifications

8.1 Insulation resistance (ISO L/N, ISO L/E, ISO N/E, ISO L/L)

Insulation resistance (nominal voltages 50 V_{DC}, 100 V_{DC} and 250 V_{DC})
Measuring range according to EN61557 is 0.25 MΩ ÷ 199.9 MΩ.

Measuring range (MΩ)	Resolution (MΩ)	Accuracy
0.00 ÷ 19.99	0.01	±(5 % of reading + 3 digits)
20.0 ÷ 99.9	0.1	±(10 % of reading)
100.0 ÷ 199.9		±(20 % of reading)

Insulation resistance (nominal voltages 500 V_{DC} and 1000 V_{DC})
Measuring range according to EN61557 is 0.15 MΩ ÷ 1 GΩ.

Measuring range (Ω)	Resolution (MΩ)	Accuracy
0.00M ÷ 19.99M	0.01	±(5 % of reading + 3 digits)
20.0M ÷ 199.9M	0.1	±(5 % of reading)
200M ÷ 999M	1	±(10 % of reading)

Voltage

Measuring range (V)	Resolution (V)	Accuracy
0 ÷ 1200	1	±(3 % of reading + 3 digits)

Nominal voltages ....50 V_{DC}, 100 V_{DC}, 250 V_{DC}, 500 V_{DC}, 1000 V_{DC}
Open circuit voltage ....-0 % / +20 % of nominal voltage
Measuring current..............................min. 1 mA at R_N=U_N×1 kΩ/V
Short circuit current..........................max. 3 mA
The number of possible tests............ > 1200, with a fully charged battery
Auto discharge after test.
Specified accuracy is valid up to 100 MΩ if relative humidity > 85 %.
In case the instrument gets moistened, the results could be impaired. In such case, it is recommended to dry the instrument and accessories for at least 24 hours.
The error in operating conditions could be at most the error for reference conditions (specified in the manual for each function) ±5 % of measured value.

8.2 Continuity & Ring (r_1, r_2, r_N, R_1+R_2, R_1+R_N)

Measuring range according to EN61557 is 0.16 Ω ÷ 1999 Ω.

Measuring range R (Ω)	Resolution (Ω)	Accuracy
0.00 ÷ 19.99	0.01	±(3 % of reading + 3 digits)
20.0 ÷ 199.9	0.1	±(5 % of reading)
200 ÷ 1999	1	

Open-circuit voltage ....6.5 VDC ÷ 9 VDC
Measuring current..............................min. 200 mA into load resistance of 2 Ω
Test lead compensation.....................up to 5 Ω
The number of possible tests ....> 2000, with a fully charged battery
Automatic polarity reversal of the test voltage.

8.3 RCD testing

8.3.1 General data

Nominal residual current (A, F, AC) ... 10 mA, 30 mA, 100 mA, 300 mA, 500 mA, 1000 mA

Nominal residual current accuracy ..... -0 / +0.1·IΔ; IΔ = IΔN, 2×IΔN, 5×IΔN
-0.1·IΔ / +0; IΔ = 0.5×IΔN
AS / NZ selected: ± 5 %

Test current shape .... Sine-wave (AC), pulsed (A, F), smooth DC (B, B+)
DC offset for pulsed test current .... 6 mA (typical)
RCD type .... (non-delayed), S (time-delayed)
Test current starting polarity .... 0 ° or 180 °
Voltage range .... 93 V ÷ 134 V (45 Hz ÷ 65 Hz)
185 V ÷ 266 V (45 Hz ÷ 65 Hz)

IΔN (mA)	IΔN × 1/2			IΔN × 1			IΔN × 2			IΔN × 5			RCD IΔ		
	AC	A,F	B,B+	AC	A,F	B,B+	AC	A,F	B,B+	AC	A,F	B,B+	AC	A,F	B,B+
10	5	3.5	5	10	20	20	20	40	40	50	100	100	✓	✓	✓
30	15	10.5	15	30	42	60	60	84	120	150	212	300	✓	✓	✓
100	50	35	50	100	141	200	200	282	400	500	707	1000	✓	✓	✓
300	150	105	150	300	424	600	600	848	n.a.	1500	n.a.	n.a.	✓	✓	✓
500	250	175	250	500	707	1000	1000	1410	n.a.	2500	n.a.	n.a.	✓	✓	✓
1000	500	350	500	1000	1410	n.a.	2000	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	✓	✓	n.a.

n.a. .... not applicable
AC type .... sine wave test current
A, F types…… .... pulsed current
B, B+ types .... smooth DC current

8.3.2 Contact voltage RCD-Uc

Measuring range according to EN61557 is 20.0 V ÷ 31.0V for limit contact voltage 25V
Measuring range according to EN61557 is 20.0 V ÷ 62.0V for limit contact voltage 50V

Measuring range (V)	Resolution (V)	Accuracy
0.0 ÷ 19.9	0.1	(-0 % / +15 %) of reading ± 10 digits
20.0 ÷ 99.9		(-0 % / +15 %) of reading

The accuracy is valid if mains voltage is stabile during the measurement and PE terminal is free of interfering voltages.

Test current .... max. 0.5×I$_{\Delta N}$
Limit contact voltage .... 25 V, 50 V
Specified accuracy is valid for complete operating range.

8.3.3 Trip-out time

Complete measurement range corresponds to EN 61557 requirements.
Maximum measuring times set according to selected reference for RCD testing.

Measuring range (ms)	Resolution (ms)	Accuracy
0.0 ÷ 40.0	0.1	±1 ms
0.0 ÷ max. time *	0.1	±3 ms

* For max. time see normative references in *4.2.3* – this specification applies to max. time >40 ms.

Test current .... ½×$I_{\Delta N}$, $I_{\Delta N}$, 2×$I_{\Delta N}$, 5×$I_{\Delta N}$

5×$I_{\Delta N}$ is not available for $I_{\Delta N}$=1000 mA (RCD type AC) or $I_{\Delta N} \geq$ 300 mA (RCD types A, F, B, B+).

2×$I_{\Delta N}$ is not available for $I_{\Delta N}$=1000 mA (RCD types A, F) or $I_{\Delta N} \geq$ 300 mA (RCD types B, B+).

1×$I_{\Delta N}$ is not available for $I_{\Delta N}$=1000 mA (RCD types B, B+).

Specified accuracy is valid for complete operating range.

8.3.4 Trip-out current

Trip-out current
Complete measurement range corresponds to EN 61557 requirements.

Measuring range I_Δ	Resolution I_Δ	Accuracy
0.2×$I_{\Delta N}$ ÷ 1.1×$I_{\Delta N}$ (AC type)	0.05×$I_{\Delta N}$	±0.1×$I_{\Delta N}$
0.2×$I_{\Delta N}$ ÷ 1.5×$I_{\Delta N}$ (A, F type, $I_{\Delta N}$ ≥30 mA)	0.05×$I_{\Delta N}$	±0.1×$I_{\Delta N}$
0.2×$I_{\Delta N}$ ÷ 2.2×$I_{\Delta N}$ (A, F type, $I_{\Delta N}$ <30 mA)	0.05×$I_{\Delta N}$	±0.1×$I_{\Delta N}$
0.2×$I_{\Delta N}$ ÷ 2.2×$I_{\Delta N}$ (B, B+ types)*	0.05×$I_{\Delta N}$	±0.1×$I_{\Delta N}$

Trip-out time

Measuring range (ms)	Resolution (ms)	Accuracy
0 ÷ 300	1	±3 ms

Contact voltage

Measuring range (V)	Resolution (V)	Accuracy
0.0 ÷ 19.9	0.1	(-0 % / +15 %) of reading ± 10 digits
20.0 ÷ 99.9	0.1	(-0 % / +15 %) of reading

The accuracy is valid if mains voltage is stabile during the measurement and PE terminal is free of interfering voltages.

Trip-out measurement is not available for $I_{\Delta N}$=1000 mA (RCD types B, B+).

Specified accuracy is valid for complete operating range.

8.4 Fault loop impedance and prospective fault current

8.4.1 No disconnecting device or FUSE selected

Fault loop impedance
Measuring range according to EN61557 is 0.25 Ω ÷ 9.99kΩ.

Measuring range (Ω)	Resolution (Ω)	Accuracy
0.00 ÷ 9.99	0.01	±(5 % of reading + 5 digits)
10.0 ÷ 99.9	0.1	
100 ÷ 999	1	± 10 % of reading
1.00k ÷ 9.99k	10	

Prospective fault current (calculated value)

Measuring range (A)	Resolution (A)	Accuracy
0.00 ÷ 9.99	0.01	Consider accuracy of fault loop resistance measurement
10.0 ÷ 99.9	0.1	
100 ÷ 999	1	
1.00k ÷ 9.99k	10	
10.0k ÷ 23.0k	100	

The accuracy is valid if mains voltage is stabile during the measurement.
Test current (at 230 V)...................... 6.5 A (10 ms)
Nominal voltage range.......................93 V ÷ 134 V (45 Hz ÷ 65 Hz)
           185 V ÷ 266 V (45 Hz ÷ 65 Hz)

8.4.2 RCD selected

Fault loop impedance
Measuring range according to EN61557 is 0.46 Ω ÷ 9.99 kΩ.

Measuring range (Ω)	Resolution (Ω)	Accuracy
0.00 ÷ 9.99	0.01	±(5 % of reading + 10 digits)
10.0 ÷ 99.9	0.1	
100 ÷ 999	1	± 10 % of reading
1.00k ÷ 9.99k	10	

Accuracy may be impaired in case of heavy noise on mains voltage

Prospective fault current (calculated value)

Measuring range (A)	Resolution (A)	Accuracy
0.00 ÷ 9.99	0.01	Consider accuracy of fault loop resistance measurement
10.0 ÷ 99.9	0.1	
100 ÷ 999	1	
1.00k ÷ 9.99k	10	
10.0k ÷ 23.0k	100	

Nominal voltage range.......................93 V ÷ 134 V (45 Hz ÷ 65 Hz)
           185 V ÷ 266 V (45 Hz ÷ 65 Hz)

No trip out of RCD.

8.5 Line impedance and prospective short-circuit current / Voltage drop

Line impedance
Measuring range according to EN61557 is 0.25 Ω ÷ 9.99kΩ.

Measuring range (Ω)	Resolution (Ω)	Accuracy
0.00 ÷ 9.99	0.01	±(5 % of reading + 5 digits)
10.0 ÷ 99.9	0.1	
100 ÷ 999	1	± 10 % of reading
1.00k ÷ 9.99k	10	

Prospective short-circuit current (calculated value)

Measuring range (A)	Resolution (A)	Accuracy
0.00 ÷ 0.99	0.01	Consider accuracy of line resistance measurement
1.0 ÷ 99.9	0.1	
100 ÷ 999	1	
1.00k ÷ 99.99k	10	
100k ÷ 199k	1000	

Test current (at 230 V)...................... 6.5 A (10 ms)
Nominal voltage range........................93 V ÷ 134 V (45 Hz ÷ 65 Hz)
                                            185 V ÷ 266 V (45 Hz ÷ 65 Hz)
                                            321 V ÷ 485 V (45 Hz ÷ 65 Hz)

Voltage drop (calculated value)

Measuring range (%)	Resolution (%)	Accuracy
0.0 ÷ 99.9	0.1	Consider accuracy of line impedance measurement(s)*

Z_{REF} measuring range   0.00 Ω ÷ 20.0 Ω

*See chapter *5.8.2 Voltage drop* for more information about calculation of voltage drop result.

8.6 Resistance to earth

Measuring range according to EN61557-5 is 0.25 Ω ÷ 1999 Ω.

Measuring range (Ω)	Resolution (Ω)	Accuracy
0.00 ÷ 19.99	0.01	±(5% of reading + 5 digits)
20.0 ÷ 199.9	0.1	
200 ÷ 9999	1	

Max. auxiliary earth electrode resistance R_C ... 100×R_E or 50 kΩ (whichever is lower)
Max. probe resistance R_P .... 100×R_E or 50 kΩ (whichever is lower)

Additional probe resistance error at R_{Cmax} or $R_{Pmax.}$ ±(10 % of reading + 10 digits)

Additional error
at 3 V voltage noise (50 Hz) .... ±(5 % of reading + 10 digits)

Open circuit voltage .... < 15 VAC
Short circuit current... < 30 mA
Test voltage frequency .... 125 Hz
Test voltage shape .... sinusoidal
Noise voltage indication threshold .... 1 V (< 50 Ω, worst case)

Automatic measurement of auxiliary electrode resistance and probe resistance.

Automatic measurement of voltage noise.

8.7 Voltage, frequency, and phase rotation

8.7.1 Phase rotation

Nominal system voltage range .... 100 V_{AC} ÷ 550 V_{AC}
Nominal frequency range................. 14 Hz ÷ 500 Hz
Result displayed .... 1.2.3 or 3.2.1

8.7.2 Voltage

Measuring range (V)	Resolution (V)	Accuracy
0 ÷ 550	1	±(2 % of reading + 2 digits)

Result type.. True r.m.s. (trms)
Nominal frequency range................. 0 Hz, 14 Hz ÷ 500 Hz

8.7.3 Frequency

Measuring range (Hz)	Resolution (Hz)	Accuracy
0.00 ÷ 9.99	0.01	±(0.2 % of reading + 1 digit)
10.0 ÷ 499.9	0.1	

Nominal voltage range...................... 10 V ÷ 550 V

8.7.4 Online terminal voltage monitor

Measuring range (V)	Resolution (V)	Accuracy
10 ÷ 550	1	±(2 % of reading + 2 digits)

8.8 General data

Models MI 3125B and MI 3125 BT:

Power supply voltage........................ 9 V_{DC} (6×1.5 V battery or accu, size AA)
Operation.. typical 20 h
Charger socket input voltage .... 12 V ± 10 %
Charger socket input current .... 400 mA max.
Battery charging current .... 250 mA (internally regulated)
Overvoltage category........................ 600 V CAT III / 300 V CAT IV
Plug test cable
        overvoltage category................ 300 V CAT II
Protection classification .... double insulation
Pollution degree............................... 2
Protection degree .... IP 40

Display .... 128x64 dots matrix display with backlight
Dimensions (w × h × d) .... 14 cm × 8 cm × 23 cm
Weight .... 1.0 kg, without battery cells
Reference conditions
Reference temperature range........... 10 °C ÷ 30 °C
Reference humidity range................. 40 %RH ÷ 70 %RH
Operation conditions
Working temperature range .... 0 °C ÷ 40 °C
Maximum relative humidity .... 95 %RH (0 °C ÷ 40 °C), non-condensing
Storage conditions
Temperature range .... -10 °C ÷ +70 °C
Maximum relative humidity .... 90 %RH (-10 °C ÷ +40 °C)
                                              80 %RH (40 °C ÷ 60 °C)
Communication transfer speed
RS 232 115200 baud
USB   256000 baud

Memory size....................................1700 results

Model MI 3125 BT:

Bluetooth module: Class 2

The error in operating conditions could be at most the error for reference conditions (specified in the manual for each function) +1 % of measured value + 1 digit, unless otherwise specified in the manual for particular function.

A Appendix A - Fuse table

A.1 Fuse table - impedances (UK)

Fuse type B

Rated current (A)	Disconnection time [s]	
	0.4	5
	Max. loop impedance (Ω)	
3	12,264	12,264
6	6,136	6,136
10	3,68	3,68
16	2,296	2,296
20	1,84	1,84
25	1,472	1,472
32	1,152	1,152
40	0,92	0,92
50	0,736	0,736
63	0,584	0,584
80	0,456	0,456
100	0,368	0,368
125	0,296	0,296

Fuse type C

Rated current (A)	Disconnection time [s]	
	0.4	5
	Max. loop impedance (Ω)	
6	3,064	3,064
10	1,84	1,84
16	1,152	1,152
20	0,92	0,92
25	0,736	0,736
32	0,576	0,576
40	0,456	0,456
50	0,368	0,368
63	0,288	0,288
80	0,232	0,232
100	0,184	0,184
125	0,144	0,144

Fuse type D

Rated current (A)	Disconnection time [s]	
	0.4	5
	Max. loop impedance (Ω)	
6	1,536	1,536
10	0,92	0,92
16	0,576	0,576
20	0,456	0,456
25	0,368	0,368
32	0,288	0,288
40	0,232	0,232
50	0,184	0,184
63	0,144	0,144
80	0,112	0,112
100	0,088	0,088
125	0,072	0,072

Fuse type BS 88-3 (system C)

Rated current (A)	Disconnection time [s]	
	0.4	5
	Max. loop impedance (Ω)	
5	8,36	12,264
16	1,936	3,288
20	1,632	2,704
32	0,768	1,312
45		0,832
63		0,576
80		0,424
100		0,32

Fuse type BS 88-2 (systems E and G)

Rated current (A)	Disconnection time [s]	
	0.4	5
	Max. loop impedance (Ω)	
6	6,568	10,24
10	3,912	5,752
16	2,048	3,344
20	1,416	2,36
25	1,08	1,84
32	0,832	1,472
40		1,08
50		0,832
63		0,656
80		0,456
100		0,368
125		0,272
160		0,224
200		0,152

Fuse type BS 1362

Rated current (A)	Disconnection time [s]	
	0.4	5
	Max. loop impedance (Ω)	
3	13,12	18,56
13	1,936	3,064

Fuse type BS 3036

Rated current (A)	Disconnection time [s]	
	0.4	5
	Max. loop impedance (Ω)	
5	7,664	14,16
15	2,04	4,28
20	1,416	3,064
30	0,872	2,112
45		1,272
60		0,896
100		0,424

All impedances are scaled with factor 0.8.

B Appendix B - Accessories for specific measurements

The table below presents standard and optional accessories required for specific measurement. The accessories marked as optional may also be standard ones in some sets. Please see attached list of standard accessories for your set or contact your distributor for further information.

Function	Suitable accessories (Optional with ordering code A….)
Insulation resistance	❑ Universal test cable ❑ Tip commander (A 1270) – versions 2.x.xx ❑ Tip commander (A 1401) – versions 3.x.xx and higher
Continuity	❑ Universal test cable ❑ Tip commander (A 1270) – versions 2.x.xx ❑ Tip commander (A 1401) – versions 3.x.xx and higher ❑ Probe test lead 4m (A 1154)
Ring Continuity	❑ Universal test cable ❑ Mains measuring cable ❑ Easy switch (A 1214)
Line impedance	❑ Universal test cable ❑ Mains measuring cable ❑ Tip commander (A 1270) – versions 2.x.xx ❑ Tip commander (A 1401) – versions 3.x.xx and higher ❑ Three-phase adapter (A 1110) ❑ Three-phase adapter with switch (A 1111)
Fault loop impedance	❑ Universal test cable ❑ Mains measuring cable ❑ Tip commander (A 1270) – versions 2.x.xx ❑ Tip commander (A 1401) – versions 3.x.xx and higher ❑ Three-phase adapter (A 1110) ❑ Three-phase adapter with switch (A 1111)
RCD testing	❑ Universal test cable ❑ Mains measuring cable ❑ Three-phase adapter (A 1110) ❑ Three-phase adapter with switch (A 1111)
Earth resistance, RE	❑ Universal test cable ❑ Earth test set 20 m, 3-wire (S 2026) ❑ Earth test set 50 m, 3-wire (S 2027)
Phase sequence	❑ Universal test cable ❑ Three-phase adapter (A 1110) ❑ Three-phase adapter with switch (A 1111)
Voltage, frequency	❑ Universal test cable ❑ Mains measuring cable ❑ Tip commander (A 1272) – versions 2.x.xx ❑ Tip commander (A 1401) – versions 3.x.xx and higher

C Appendix C – Commander (A 1401)

C.1 ⚠ Warnings related to safety

Measuring category of commander:
Tip commander (cap off, 18 mm tip)…. 1000 V CAT II / 600 V CAT II / 300 V CAT II
Tip commander (cap on, 4 mm tip)…1000 V CAT II / 600 V CAT III / 300 V CAT IV

- ❑ **Measuring category of commander can be lower than protection category of the instrument.**
- ❑ **If dangerous voltage is detected on the tested PE terminal, immediately stop all measurements, find and remove the fault!**
- ❑ **When replacing battery cells or before opening the battery compartment cover, disconnect the measuring accessory from the instrument and installation.**
- ❑ **Service, repairs or adjustment of instruments and accessories is only allowed to be carried out by a competent authorized personnel!**

C.2 Battery

The commander uses two AAA size alkaline or rechargeable Ni-MH battery cells. Nominal operating time is at least 40 h and is declared for cells with nominal capacity of 850 mAh.

Notes:
- ❑ If the commander is not used for a long period of time, remove all batteries from the battery compartment.
- ❑ Alkaline or rechargeable Ni-MH batteries (size AA) can be used. Metrel recommends only using rechargeable batteries with a capacity of 800 mAh or above.
- ❑ Ensure that the battery cells are inserted correctly otherwise the commander will not operate and the batteries could be discharged.
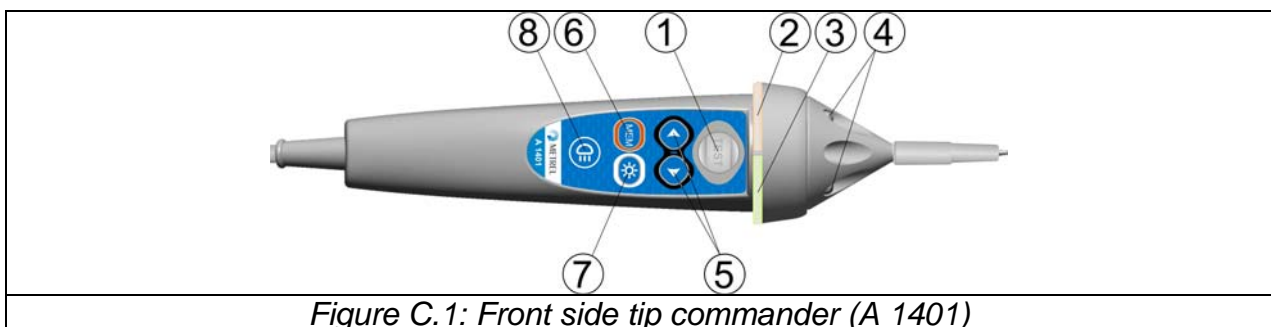
C.3 Description of commander

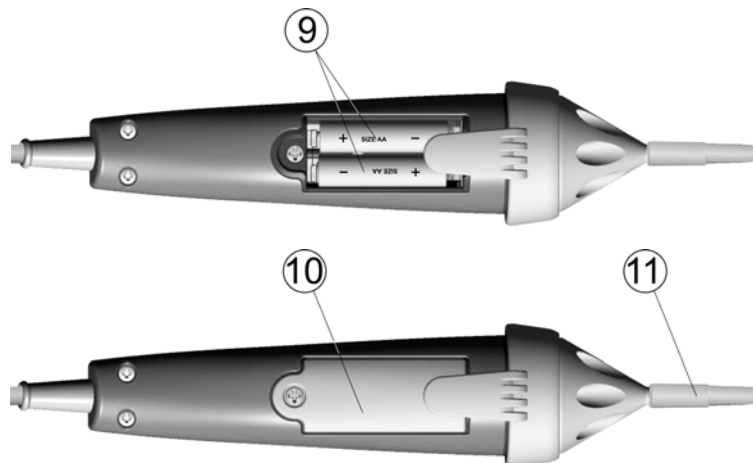*Figure C.1: Front side tip commander (A 1401)*

Figure C.2: Back side

Legend:

1	TEST	TEST	Starts measurements.
			Acts also as the PE touching electrode.
2	LED		Left status RGB LED
3	LED		Right status RGB LED
4	LEDs		Lamp LEDs (Tip commander)
5	Function selector		Selects test function.
6	MEM		Store / recall / clear tests in memory of instrument.
7	BL		Switches On/Off backlight on instrument
8	Lamp key		Switches On/ Off lamp (Tip commander)
9	Battery cells		Size AAA, alkaline / rechargeable NiMH
10	Battery cover		Battery compartment cover
11	Cap		Removable CAT IV cap (Tip commander)

C.4 Operation of commander

Both LED yellow	**Warning!** Dangerous voltage on the commander's PE terminal!
Right LED red	Fail indication
Right LED green	Pass indication
Left LED blinks blue	Commander is monitoring the input voltage
Left LED orange	Voltage between any test terminals is higher than 50 V
Both LEDs blink red	Low battery
Both LEDs red and switch off	Battery voltage too low for operation of commander

PE terminal test procedure

> ❑ **Connect** commander to the instrument.
> ❑ **Connect** commander to the item to be tested (see *Figure C.3*).
> ❑ Touch PE test probe (the **TEST** key) on commander for at least one second.
> ❑ If PE terminal is connected to phase voltage both LEDs will light yellow, the warning message on the instrument is displayed, instrument's buzzer is activated, and further measurements are disabled in Zloop function.
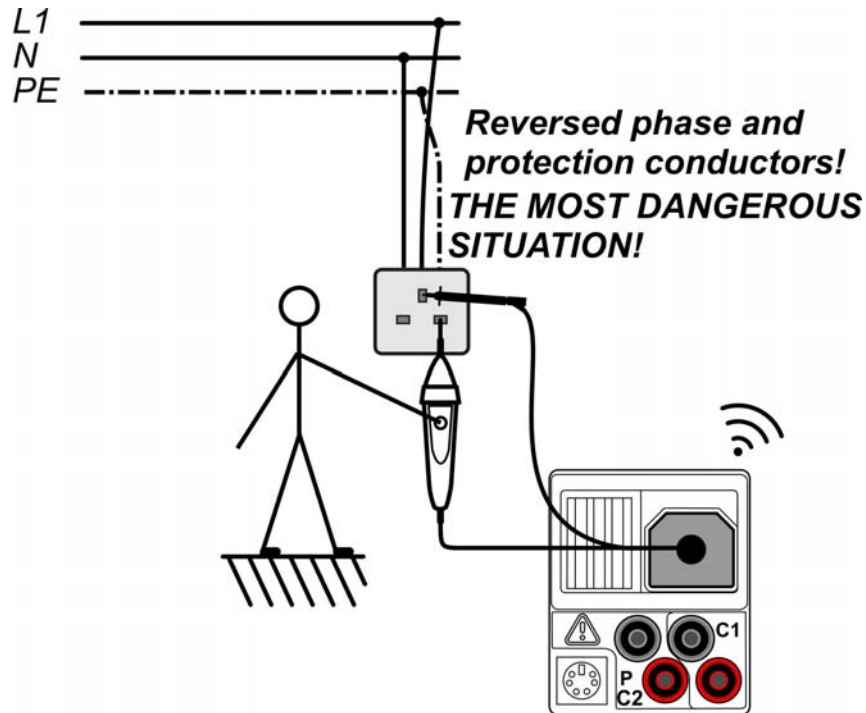

Figure C.3: Reversed L and PE conductors (application of tip commander)